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ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION

Registration for the SUVCW will begin on Friday afternoon. Registration will be $5.00 per Member.

DEPARTMENT CAMPFIRE

The Encampment will kick off with our annual Department Campfire at 7:00 PM, on Friday, April 20th. Light refreshments will be served.

JOINT OPENING and MEMORIAL SERVICE

The S.U.V.C.W. and A.S.U.V.C.W. will hold its annual Joint Opening and Memorial Service on Saturday, April 21st, at 8:30 AM

BUSINESS SESSIONS

The first business session will be held immediately following the Memorial Service and will continue until 12:00 Noon on Saturday, April 21st. The second business session will be held from 1:30 PM until 5:00 PM, or at the conclusion of the Installation of Department Officers.

S.U.V.C.W. LUNCHEON

The Department luncheon will be held at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, April 21st, and will feature a deli buffet lunch. Tickets are $20.00 per person.

ENCAMPMENT BANQUET

The annual Encampment Banquet will be held from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Saturday evening, April 21st. Tickets for the Banquet are $38.00 per person.

Banquet Menu: *Your choice of Pork Loin or New York Sirloin.*

SPECIAL ENCAMPMENT PACKAGE (SUVCW ONLY)

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Joint Memorial Service

Acting Chaplain Dexter Bishop: I would ask that you all stand, and we will open with the word of prayer. God of all nations and Father of all of us listen to our prayers. Give your beloved peace in our sorrow, you are our refuge and strength. Though the earth be removed, and thou the mountains be carried away your love abides. You are with us; nothing before you; the life of man is swifter than the weaver's shuttle, like the clouds He is consumed and vanishes away. His days are few, he goes down to the grave and does not return. Neither will he return again to us. And the places that knew himself, know him no more. We thank you, you that you have promised that he shall live again. Except our earnest petitions so that when taps shall sound and our earthly light go out we may enter the heavenly camp, where our fathers have gone before, carrying with us in imperishable faith in fraternity, charity and loyalty. To thy great name shall be the praise forever and ever, amen.

All: Amen.

Acting Chaplain Dexter Bishop: You may be seated. At this time, we will do our flower tribute.

Past Commander in Chief Perley Mellor: I place this flower in memory of all past Department and National Officers.

Department President Mary Catherine Knight: I place this flower for all past National, Department and Auxiliary Officers of the ASUV.

Commander Daniel Murray: I place this flower in memory of all Camp Officers.

Acting Chaplain Dexter Bishop: Thank you, at this time we will have our benediction.

Department President Mary Catherine Knight: Dear Lord, please bless us today for a harmonious encampment and good fellowship and business today. Amen.

Response: Amen.

Acting Chaplain Dexter Bishop: This concludes our Joint Memorial Service. At this time, we will go our separate ways.

Massachusetts Department Encampment

Commander Daniel Murray: The Officers and Members of the 136th Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will now come to order. Guide, determine if all are entitled to remain. The Guard will secure the door.

Guide Charles Lewis: Sir, all are entitled to remain. We also have a few visitors.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. The Secretary will call the Roll of Officers of the Encampment.

Secretary John Dupre: Commander Daniel W Murray.

Commander Daniel Murray: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers.

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Present

Secretary John Dupre: Junior Vice Commander William Naughton

Junior Vice Commander William Naughton: Present

Secretary John Dupre: Secretary John Dupre, Present. Treasurer Edward Norris.

Treasury Edward Norris: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Council one Kevin P Tucker.

Council Kevin Tucker: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Council two George Maple.

Council George Maple: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Council three Dexter Bishop.

Council Dexter Bishop: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Chaplain Father Peter Preble. Absent. Patriotic Instructor Kenneth London.

Patriotic Instructor Kenneth London: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Counselor Kevin P Tucker.

Counselor Kevin Tucker: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Historian Peter Preble, absent. Guide Charles W Lewis.

Guide Charles Lewis: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Signals Officer John T Manning, absent. Color Bearer Richard Cultrera.

Colors Bearer Richard Cultrera: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Graves Registration Officer William Naughton

Grave Registration Officer William Naughton: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Civil War Memorials Officer Edward Norris.

Civil War Memorials Officer Edward Norris: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: GAR Memorial Highway Officer George Maple.

GAR Memorial Highway Officer George Maple: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Eagle Scout Coordinator Edward Knight.

Eagle Scout Award Coordinator Edward Knight: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: ROTC Awards Officer Albert Smith.

ROTC Awards Officer. Albert Smith: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Department Organizer Edward Norris.

Department Organizer Edward Norris: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Sir, the roll is called.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Brothers, upon what principles is our Order founded and what duties do we inculcate?

All: Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Commander Daniel Murray: Brothers, we meet again as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual session, to review the work of the past and to plan for the future. May our conduct and our deliberations be marked by mutual tolerance and fraternal courtesy, ever keeping in mind our duty to our country, to our Order, and to ourselves. The Chaplain will invoke the Divine blessing. (three raps of gavel)

Acting Chaplain Dexter Bishop: Our Heavenly Father, the high and mighty ruler of the Universe, who looks down upon the government of men, we earnestly ask your favor to bless our native land and preserving in purity and integrity its free institutions for all coming time. Bless our Order, grant that it may long exist, and that it may continue to be an instrument of great good to all. Give us willing hands and ready hearts to carry out properly its principles and objectives. Keep green in our minds the memory of those who sacrificed so much that the life of the nation might be preserved and deal with them in all things with your special mercy. Give us your aid in conducting the business for which we are assembled and so bless us that charity and justice, and peace and harmony shall remain and flow from us. Amen.

Commander Daniel Murray: Brothers, we will now give the Pledge of Allegiance. Color Bearer, present the colors.

All: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Commander Daniel Murray: By virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby declare the 136th Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly opened for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it. The Guard will admit all Brothers qualified to enter. Brother Norris, do you have a report of the Credentials committee?

Treasurer Edward Norris: We have twenty Brothers here who are entitled to vote

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Do you need a breakdown of who they are?

Commander Daniel Murray: No. We will now recognize our guests. We have the Department President of the Auxiliary, Mary Catherine Knight. Also, Linda Murray who is here for the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We will now go into reports of Officers. I will give my report first. This past year started right after elections. I went to Charlestown and participated in the service at the Training Field. I also went to Bourne for Memorial Day and read General Logan's General Order Number 11. I also participated in the ceremonies for the Civil War soldiers that are buried there. When we went to National Encampment this year I, along with Dexter Bishop and Kevin Tucker, met with the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and I thought things had been ironed out but there have been some problems and they will not be joining us this year in Framingham. We just found that out about a month ago. We had a good trip this year down to Gettysburg. The only negative thing was it rained all day on Saturday. We had a nice tour on Friday and we went to South Mountain. I did three installations, attended camp meetings and also attended National Encampment meetings. That is my report. Senior Vice Commander report.

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Stuart Chambers, Camp 61 out of the Framingham area, also Senior Vice Commander of the Department. I had the pleasure of going to a Project New Hope dinner which I believe the Department of Massachusetts supports through their charitable organization, the one in Shrewsbury. I also help participate in the General Butler Cemetery ceremony that we had in Lowell. It was a first time for me and I enjoyed that as well. Between the Department and the activities of restoring Camp 61 and getting it back on its feet I've had a pretty good year. Thank you

Commander Daniel Murray: Junior Vice Commander.

Junior Vice Commander William Naughton: Bill Naughton of Camp 104 and also the Department Junior Vice-Commander. Early on, when I was elected last year, the Commander asked me to not only focus on recruitment and such but also on retention. It was to see if we

could find out why members dropped out. Accordingly, Brother John, the Secretary gave me the 2017 annual report and I sent out seven letters to members who had dropped. I got three replies, one from a member who had changed his email and never notified the Camp and so was dropped. He reinstated once he realized he was dropped. There was, I am counting it is two replies, but one member noted that he had been a member and never reinstated. He and another member decided that they had other ways to spend their time. He added that he had expected more formality, solemnity and ceremony within the SUVCW. He compared them unfavorably to his Masonic ceremonies which are recited from memory. So, I am counting that is a success rate of three out of seven. Based on that success we sent out letters to another five members whom we who knew had dropped out over the years. We got one response back and it was from a Brother who retired, left the order and now wanted to rejoin. He was directed to a Camp near him and I believe joined in Carver. Four candidates whose applications came to the Department were referred out to the appropriate camps and their information sent to the Camp Commander. So, if you're keeping score, it seems that we have recovered two members and helped to get four in. That is my report.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Department Council.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker Past Department Commander, Camp 104. The Council has prepared a budget and we will talk about that later on in our deliberations. The Council do not have any further deliberations. We will do the budget when it comes up.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Patriotic Instructor.

Patriotic Instructor Kenneth London: Ken London Patriotic Instructor. I need patriotic instructor reports because the Department report is due on June 1 and I have only gotten reports from Camp 104, Camp 61, Camp 50 and Camp 15. The others are late, and I need them as soon as possible.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Treasurers report.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Ed Norris Department Treasurer. The reports are going around and on the first page is our account balances. The GAR trust funds are stable, the interest is drawn out, and so they are the first ones that say fund. The checking account we are at $12,075.77. We have the three CDs and you can see amounts there. Savings is part of the cash balance within the Wells Fargo fund. Wells Fargo is up to $701,204.70 and so our net worth is $928,317.28. So, we're doing pretty good there. The next page is the budget from last year, so you can see we did pretty good. We had a budget of $30,325 and we spent $21,785.05. The difference was $8539.95. We only went over a couple of items. One of them was Good of the Order today and I don't remember what we did. The Secretaries office expense we went over a little bit but overall, we did pretty good. We also went over on the Department Encampment expense. That was the third one. The Department Council did approve the two overages. The Department Encampment expense there is really not a lot we can do with it, we have to have a Department Encampment. We try to hold those expenses down as best we can. The remaining pages of the transactions of what we paid and what came in. On the last page we brought in $32,167.30 and we spent $27,890.05 so we actually gain this year. Next year we haven't estimated annual income of

$26,416 and I will bring that up again we talk about the budget. Any questions about the Treasurers report?

Commander Daniel Murray: Did we vote to move the CD's last year?

Treasurer Edward Norris: We voted to move the CDs but obviously I did not do it. That is something I still need to do. It was an issue of timing with when the CDs became due.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker Past Department Commander Camp 104. I just have a question; the outflow says $27,890. Is it because of the National Encampments because the other one says $21,700? Why the difference?

Treasure Edward Norris: It could be because we paid some deposits for the National Encampment fund. I will look into it. Let me check when we have a break and see what the difference is. I think you're right. Let me check on it and I will give you an answer after the break. I have to figure out what QuickBooks did. This is the end of my report.

Commander Daniel Murray: Graves Registration Officer.

Graves Registration Officer William Naughton: Bill Naughton from Camp 104 and Graves Registration Officer. The Brothers of the Department of Massachusetts really worked this year and we were able to add a total of 687 graves to the national database. I have a list here of Brothers who I think deserves some special thank you for helping out. Peter Preble, Rod Frazier, Richard Nichols, Chip Chamberlain, Dan Geary in a nonmember named Robert James from up on the North Shore. All of them supplied lists of various people that they had found, stones that they had found and knew about. We were able to get them researched and added, so thank you to those gentlemen and hopefully other things are going on in other Camps. The largest project for the year was to make sure that all of the Civil War soldiers, sailors and Marines and nurses that are buried at Mount Auburn in Cambridge were registered on the national database. Using records from Mount Auburn and the database, then comparing the two, 352 names were added. Originally the thought was that that would be a tour on the National Encampment, but they are all over the place and Mount Auburn doesn't allow markers, so I didn't think that was going to happen. I distributed 91 grave markers and there are more available out in my truck, so don't hesitate to ask. It seems that many of the foundries have stopped making Civil War veterans' markers. Stopped marketing them at least in metal. There are some composites that are starting to come on, but the only place that I can find has gone to brass that has that traditional marker at about $46 apiece. So, we're still looking but the present inventory I have right now is 20 veteran's markers and I have 91 GAR markers left. Let me know and I will get them at lunch time for you and get them delivered. Any questions?

Commander Daniel Murray: Civil War Memorials Officer.

Civil War Memorials Officer Edward Norris: Ed Norris Civil War Memorials Officer. I registered nine monuments and I put out an offer to all the Camps that I would go out and show them how easy the process is. Unfortunately, I did not have any takers. Just the nine and unfortunately, I do not have the list with me. I forgot to bring the list with me and I will send it to John. That is the end of my report.

Commander Daniel Murray: Ed, you might as well stay there and give the Department Organizer report.

Department Organizer Edward Norris: Ed Norris Department Organizer. We have two Camps that we have filled out forms for. We have one out in West Springfield being organized by Richard Haste. Richard brought in enough applications to start the Camp, but he did not have any of the supporting documents. They were basically all family members, so I told him the same ones and he has yet to do it. It is probably been six months since I've asked him for it. I don't know what's going on down there. Peter Preble is going to start one in Boston, Camp 54 I believe. I have asked for updates but haven't received anything from him. So, I don't know what the status of that is. So right now, we haven't got any new Camps up and running. I'm still hopeful for West Springfield because they at least had the numbers. I will push Richard again for that documentation. It should be fairly easy since they are all family members. That is the end of my report.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. GAR Highway Officer.

GAR Highway Officer George Maple: George Maple Camp 25 PDC and Department GAR Highway Officer. Generally, I do my trip down the GAR Highway in the spring which I'm still waiting for. I was able to do one run last weekend and unfortunately they have already started to do the construction on the Sagamore Bridge so 6W was pretty much out after a certain point. I was able to see about 12 Highway markers on 6E which is three less than last year. I'm hoping I just missed them because it started snowing when I was doing the drive last weekend. I was able to see 11 on 6W, mainly because when I saw the ones on 6E they are dual sided signs. I mentioned this before, several of them are not very easy to see, sometimes they are behind a utility pole or bushes. I also mentioned this before, that there are two towns that are memorialized the highway for different groups; Fairhaven calls it Fairhaven Firefighters Memorial and there is no GAR Highway marker in that town. Barnstable has signs indicating it as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway, which we will never win in a fight, we would just get a black eye trying to change anything there. I did stop at a couple of rest stops and I didn't see, even though I know it is out of season, I saw nothing indicating anything about the GAR Highway. If reappointed I want to go in season and see if we can figure out some way to get some pamphlets for the GAR Highway at those rest stops. Judging by the towns there that are on there, I have looked at what Iowa has done. They have done pretty good for their recognition and New Bedford is probably the only town we could do something in, which happens to be one of the towns which has no signs. If we got in contact with the 54th Massachusetts maybe we could do something and promote them and the highway going through town. That is pretty much my report.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any questions. Thank you. Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator.

Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Edward Knight: Edward Knight Camp 15 Commander, Department Eagle Scout Coordinator. Since being appointed to this position twelve Eagle Scout commendation packages have been awarded in the past year. Six were presented by a Brother in

person. I already anticipate awarding five more hopefully within the next year. That concludes my report.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. ROTC Awards Officer.

ROTC Awards Officer Albert Smith: Al Smith Camp 5, ROTC Awards Officer. In the past year I have been invited and have attended 3 of the Boston schools ROTC ceremonies. I received very welcoming remarks by the liaison that I've been dealing with. For the coming year I have already been invited and accepted 2 more one of which will be in Medford and the other in Boston. So, I am looking forward to a very successful year giving out ROTC awards. The word is beginning around, and I have noticed the participation by their cadets. They are very excited about what they receive and get from participating in the ROTC program. So, it is working out quite well. Thank you.

Commander Daniel Murray: This concludes our Department Officers Reports. Are there any camp reports? We will start with Camp 5.

Council Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop, Past Department Commander and Chaplain to Camp 5. Over the past year we have conducted our training programs for the schoolteachers and held that history bee. English High School is still the reigning champions for the history bee. We've also been working very hard supporting and finding a way to get the building itself back into shape.

Commander Daniel Murray: Camp 15.

Eagle Scout Awards Coordinator Edward Knight: Edward Knight Commander Camp 15. The camp attended or participated in the following events. 3 members attended the 2017 Department Encampment. The Camp held Memorial services at St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield Massachusetts, members later attended Memorial Day services in both Weare and Belchertown. Members presented the Colors at the Belchertown Little League major-league game on Memorial Day. The Camp, along with Scouts from Troop 257, sent the color guard to the Everett Massachusetts homecoming parade in September. Camp members attended Veterans Day services in both Belchertown and Weare. In the past year the Camp has spent expensive time providing training to BSA Troop 57 Honor Guard/Color Guard. This unit is filling the gap and Belchertown as the members of both the VFW Post 8428 and American Legion Post 239 are aging and unable to provide Color Guards to fill those needs within the town. Through the year the Camp Commander has played taps at as many funerals as he could fit into his schedule including the services of two members of Camp 15. Over the winter Camp 15 suffered the loss of two more active members, both of whom had passed. These members are not being replaced by new members as recruiting is unable to find new members who were going to make a commitment to be active within the group. Without a major influx of new members, it is feared that Camp 15 will cease to exist in the next few years. As a side note to add to the Junior Vice Commander's report one of the new members was referred to Camp 15 and I tried to recruit him. However, in my discussions with the prospective new member he said he was up in Northfield and he did not want to commit time to a Camp in Springfield. He said the distance was too great. That is the annual report for Camp 15. Respectfully submitted.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Camp 22.

Guide Charles Lewis: Good morning Brothers and Sisters. Charles Lewis, Commander of Camp 22 at the Chelsea Soldiers Home. I am delighted to report that I have gained three new members which gives us a balance of fourteen I would like to convey our heartfelt thanks to Kevin Tucker who worked on the computers in our computer room. It was an excellent help and I was asked by the guys to convey our heartfelt appreciation. As to the lap throws made by Mrs. Linda Murray for her gifts that she brings to the patients of the soldier's home in the Quigley building, this happens at the Christmas dinner that we have every December. I would also like to pay tribute to my Commandant, Cheryl Poppe. She is always giving me unlimited cooperation for events that are sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This upcoming dinner we're having in the western part of Massachusetts, she has provided transportation for some of my fellow residents at the Chelsea Soldiers Home. She is providing two vans as she has done in the past. Again, she is always cooperative and is very fond of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Considering all the events we have there she always provides needed space. She is also very cooperative with Mr. Dexter Bishop in establishing the Civil War Roundtable. We are working on plans to transfer it from the library over to the Quigley Hospital because of the conflict with the schedule of my guys. The patients of the Quigley are very interested in Civil War issues, especially every month when Mr. Dexter Bishop and I speak and show DVDs. A couple of days ago we showed one on Gettysburg. They especially like music like last month when we had Shades of Gray. I am very delighted to say that I am very proud to be Camp Commander. Thank you very much.

Commander Daniel Murray: Camp 25.

Camp Commander Paul Grady: Paul Grady Camp Commander of Willie Grout Camp 25 Worcester. Over the past year we assisted in the ceremonies at Bourne with the State Commander. We did an event in Dudley Massachusetts; we did a monument dedication to Civil War veterans of the town. There also members of the Micmac Indian tribe that were Civil War veterans there and we invited the tribe and they did a ceremony for them as well. I spent the day there promoting the Camp and Department. We also did a grave memorial dedication in Milford for a sergeant who was with the 28th Massachusetts. The camp was able to obtain funds from the Janet Masler foundation and we got an obelisk stone, a dedication to the 15th Massachusetts Company I, Slater Guard. We were involved with the New England Brigade had a reenactment weekend in Webster, Massachusetts and we were able to organize and have everybody come to do the memorial for that stone. I also spent the weekend there promoting the Camp and Department. We did the Memorial Day celebration at Mount Hope Cemetery in Worcester. We were a color guard in the parade for the Hubbardstown, Massachusetts 250th anniversary. I also spent time promoting the Camp and Department. We were very active actually. We've been very good at retaining, we've lost some but we have gained a lot of new members as well, young members. I also see a very busy season coming up this year and hopefully we would be gaining new membership. Thank you very much

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Camp 26? There is no one here from 26. Camp 50.

Camp Commander Paul Brundige: Paul Brundige Camp Commander Camp 50. We've had a very active year this past season. In addition to our regular duties we also restored the grave of Brother Beall which had become overgrown and you couldn't see his gravestone. We had a nice cleaning and rededication. We've had an active time doing repairs and restoration, in excess of $125,000 worth of work on our building, which is home to our depot and all of our equipment. This includes a new roof, new siding and modern windows which are energy efficient. We also partook in the 150th anniversary of the Marshfield Fair, bringing out the sleighs, bringing people in, talking to a lot of folks. We have the annual Rockland stroll which brings people in and this year we have an addition of the horse at the end which brought more people in. Just getting the news out and were referred to as Rocklands hidden gem. We are trying to remedy that and let the folks know. They come in and say I've lived in town for 40 years and never knew this was here. So were trying to get the word out and be more active to be proactive in addition to what we have going on. We have the Sanitary Commission which is part of our group, they are also out there being very active. We are on the upswing, going to the dedication of the memorials. We have one coming up, we were part of the one in Webster. We also have one coming up in Weymouth in a couple of weeks and God willing we will keep plugging along and keep bringing people in. Thank you.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Camp 61.

Brother Donald Hayes: Good morning, Don Hayes, Secretary Baystate Camp 61, Past Camp Commander. We reorganized ourselves, what was the word you used Stu that was better than mine, but anyways we got ourselves back into activity again last fall. The Camp immediately installed three new members, Larry Todd who is the leader of the Shades of Gray and of course Stuart plays with them as well and they were performing at the Easterly farm almost immediately. We were meeting in Framingham History Center when they had their exhibit on General Gordon. It was a nice exhibit. We participated in the opening of that and the dedication. Two of us went to Gettysburg, actually three of us because of the Shades of Grey having two members and myself. My first trip and it won't be my last; I was very impressed with the activities and the memorials that go on there. I'm really pleased that we do that. We situate another new member in February. We couldn't have a meeting in March because of the weather. I have a question about the next Butler event. Does anybody know when that is?

Commander Daniel Murray: I believe it is the first Sunday in November

Brother Donald Hayes: The first Sunday in November. Good I want to know about it because I live in Lowell. I'm right there.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Some of that has to do with when they can get the gates open. We have to count on a family member.

Commander Daniel Murray: I have a key.

Treasurer Edward Norris: You still have to get permission from a family member.

Brother Donald Hayes: Thank you.

Commander Daniel Murray: You're welcome. Camp 104.

Patriotic Instructor Kenneth London: Kenneth London Camp Commander Camp 104. Camp 104 had the ceremony for Frank Tucker which we usually do each year. We also have one for Charles Bond. We participated in Bourne. We had graves registration, we participated in Gettysburg and the Lincoln brunch, Charlestown and Lynn. This year we are going to concentrate on recruiting. That is my report.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Camp 132. There is no one here from that Camp. Camp 3188. There's no one here from that Camp also. That takes care of the ten Camps. We did miss one of the Officers, the Newsletter Editor Rod Frazier.

Newsletter Editor Rod Frazier: Good morning, Rod Frazier from Camp 5 in Lynn. I am the Clarion Call Editor. I would like to see a show of hands from anyone who has not been getting the Clarion Call by email. Anyone here? Could you gentlemen please see me after so I can get your email address. Our big push now is to make sure we have everybody's email address. Right now, we have 88 email addresses so that means a lot of people are not receiving the newsletter because of that. The newsletter has been going out quarterly so since I took over we have had one going out every quarter I want to thank the gentleman from Willie Grout Camp, I can't remember who said it to me, but you guys have been sending stuff in for the newsletter and I thank you. We've had really good input into the newsletter, and you know I can't make stuff up so thanks to the guys that have been sending stuff in. Keep sending stuff in so we can get it into the newsletter. We want this newsletter to also be looking ahead and we want to be able to put stuff in of upcoming events. Brother Hayes mentioned that he wanted to attend an event and he wanted to know when it was. If you can let me know those things I will get it out. Even though the newsletter is designed to go out quarterly, I don't necessarily keep to that if there is something that needs to go out, especially for some upcoming event or something like that. Trying to get as many email addresses as we can so we can keep all of the Brothers in the different Camps up to date on what is going on. Also, to support the recruitment next year we're going to actually hard copy, print, maybe 100 to 200 of the newsletters that we can distribute to the camps so they can use them when they are recruiting at some of the events we have been doing. For example, one of the newsletters, a Brother from the Willie Grout Camp mentioned the Slater Guard Memorial and that was in one of the newsletters. Those are the types of events that attract people to the organization. They want to know there we're actually doing something worthwhile and something that is in keeping with our mission. So please keep that information coming in. That is all I have to report, Commander.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. We are going into Communications.

Secretary John Dupre: Good morning John Dupre Department Secretary. This is a communication from Mark Ziemba. To Commander Paul Grady of Willie Grout Camp 25, "Sir I have recently completed two terms as Commander of Zenas Bliss Camp 12 SUVCW Department of Rhode Island. To stay close to the hometown and state I have completed a transfer to your Camp 25 SUVCW. At this time I would like to request permission to retain my Past Commander status with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Thank you for your time and effort.

Commander Murray I apologize for not getting this to you in a timely manner. The camp voted and approved this Brother Mark Ziemba, and I hope this will get approved at the Department Encampment. Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, Paul Grady."

Commander Daniel Murray: We will take this up under new business. The only other communication I did receive, and I do not have it in front of me, Brother Pierson was on the Council of Administration and will be running for National Junior Vice Commander in Chief and he is asking for our support at National when he runs. We're going to take a 10-minute break. Oh, you want to speak? Go ahead.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Hi Ed Norris Department Treasure. I haven't reconciled the whole thing; I know, where Brother Tucker asked why the discrepancy. The transaction report for May 29 is Per Capita and that is not a budgeted item. So that is an outflow of $3464 and then on the very last page on March 31 check number 1747, I put that under the wrong thing. I have it under Department Encampment and it should be Department Encampment expense. You'll see some of those in other places, it is $211. I need to correct that. Department Encampment expense is income that we get from registration and such. It is an offset, we have money coming in and I have to put it under something. But that still leaves $2340 which I have not reconciled with that amount is. So, I'm going to have to go back and go to the QuickBooks program and adjust this and hand it out to the Council. I don't know where the rest is right now but that is more than half of it. I will continue looking.

Commander Daniel Murray: All right we're going to take a 10-minute break. (three raps of gavel).

Recess

Commander Daniel Murray: (three rap of gavel) The Chaplain will open the Bible. Is there any unfinished business for the Department? There being no unfinished business we will move on to new business. The Secretary will read General Order 18 and we will take that up.

Secretary John Dupre: Department Secretary John Dupre, this is "General Order 18 series 2017 through 2018, 6 February 2018. By the authority vested in me as Commander in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. Pursuant to the continuing effort to secure a group exemption status under 501(c) 3 regulations and at the request of the National Treasurer, the following language shall be inserted into, if not already appearing, the bylaws of each Department, Camp, or other subordinate unit of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, which would be included in a SUVCW group exemption.

Article____Organization:
The Camp/Department/other unit shall be constituted in remain constituted as provided by the Constitution and Regulations governing the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and shall be known as the (Name of Camp/Department/other unit Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War). The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or

corresponding section of any future tax code.
ARTICLE _____ - Activities not in furtherance of exempt purposes: No part of the net earnings, if any, of this unincorporated association, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the unincorporated association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes described in section 501(c)3. No substantial part of the activities of the unincorporated association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the unincorporated association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these by-laws, the unincorporated association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an unincorporated association exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an unincorporated association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)2 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE _____ - Separation, Dissolution and Disposition of Assets: Section 1: In the case of surrender or forfeiture of the Camp/Department/Other Unit Charter, all Camp/Department/Other Unit property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War via the Department Commander of the affected Camp acting as his duly authorized representative to collect and hold all such property in trust for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Section 2: All property of the Camp/Department/Other Unit shall be held for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as a charitable trust that is held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists. Any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of the Camp Charter without the written consent of the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is prohibited. The property and funds of the Camp/Department/Other unit shall not be divided among its members. Section 3: In the event the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, no longer exists, said property and funds shall revert to the benefit of the first and any remaining organization of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic or in their absence, to the State archives of Massachusetts. Section 4: Notwithstanding the above language, upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose. 2. The numbering and insertion of these articles should follow the form and structure of the current by-laws of each Department, Camp, or other subordinate unit. 3. Department Commanders are directed to complete the insertion of these articles within their Department by-laws no later than 30 June 2019. By-laws presented to the CinC will not be approved without the inclusion of this language. 4. Department Commanders are directed to ensure that Camps under their command take the necessary action to include these articles in their by-laws no later than 31 May 2019 and to file a report with the National Treasurer stating

that all Camps in their Departments are compliant by 30 June 2019. 5. Multi-state Departments in which Department Headquarters migrates should acknowledge in their bylaws that they also operate in (provide a list other states here) and activities within those states shall be in accordance with the laws of those states for an unincorporated voluntary association. 6. As Departments and Camps which have previously gained a separate 501(c)3 tax-exempt status are required by the IRS to have this language in their by-laws and camps seeking to obtain a separate 501(c)3 status will be likewise required by the IRS to include this language in their by-laws; they shall, as subordinate entities of the SUVCW, be expected to have these articles in their approved by-laws. Ordered this 6th Day of February 2018 Mark R. Day Commander-In-Chief.

Commander Daniel Murray: I will entertain a motion to insert these in our bylaws.

Council Kevin Tucker: Commander, Kevin Tucker Past Department Commander. Camp 104. I would recommend that you form a committee to do two things. One is to straighten the language out, so it refers to the Department of Massachusetts. Secondly to determine where in the bylaws we wish to insert it, and then have that committee come back with the motion. It should be fairly quick, and they should be able to do it this afternoon.

Commander Daniel Murray: Okay, thank you. I will form a committee, Kevin would you chair the committee?

Council Kevin Tucker: I will.

Commander Daniel Murray: Dexter?

Council Dexter Bishop: Yes.

Commander Daniel Murray: Ed?

Treasurer Edward Norris: Sure.

Commander Daniel Murray: You guys can meet after lunch and we will get back to it right after lunch. I will entertain a motion from Camp 25 about Brother Ziemba to restore his honors.

Brother Paul Grady: Paul Grady Camp 25, I will make a motion to restore Past Camp Commander Honors to Brother Ziemba.

Unknown: Second.

Commander Daniel Murray: Is there any discussion? All those in favor? Any opposed? Brother Ziemba now has Past Camp Commander Honors. Under new business I would like to have, wherever he went, Brother Rod Frazier, is he here?

Unknown: He stepped out.

Commander Daniel Murray: I will wait till he comes back. It is about the History Bee. Do you know anything about the history bee?

Council Dexter Bishop: I wasn't able to attend

Commander Daniel Murray: Is he the only one that attended?

Council Dexter Bishop: I think Al went with him.

Commander Daniel Murray: Al, I would like you to discuss it as new business anyways because we're going to, the Department is going to talk about it later about funding it under the new budget.

Unknown: Shouldn't we make a motion?

Commander Daniel Murray: He can just give us information on it and we are going to vote on it once the budget comes up. I just want the information out there so people can make an informed decision.

ROTC Officer Albert Smith: Al Smith ROTC Officer Camp 5. Along with Rod Frazier I attended the recent history bee and we were impressed by the participation of the students. We learned quite a bit, one of which is we did expound on the SUV and what we do for the history bee. We did notice that there are some questions that need to be answered before we continue our pursuance of the history bee. At what level do we want to participate with the history bee. On the local level or if students are good enough go on to greater levels. The question about what level do we want to participate was raised. Kevin?

Council Kevin Tucker: Can you expound on what the history bee was, where it was and what level it is at, the one you attended.

ROTC Officer Albert Smith: We attended the history bee, it was out Framingham way. We saw the various schools in attendance, what we did was we arrived about 10 or 10:30 and by that time a good part of it was already…….

Council Kevin Tucker: Was it a statewide high school event?

ROTC Officer Albert Smith: Yes, high school and when we arrived, we are already a little on the late side as far as seeing how it individually worked. That was some of the confusion. But we did watch and there is participation by other organizations. The revolutionary war people were there, and we did see some good results, but we were still questioning at what level do we wish to participate. Once you get past the local level the expense is a lot greater.

Council Kevin Tucker: When you say participate you mean sponsor?

ROTC Officer Albert Smith: Yes, sponsor and the expense to us would be much, much higher.

Council Kevin Tucker: How much is that?

ROTC Officer Albert Smith: On the local level they wanted $250 which to us is reasonable, but once you get to the higher levels, they wanted a lot more money because it would be going out to New Jersey to participate. So that has to be addressed. It was quite rewarding for us to see what was being done. We did notice that quite a few of the people didn't know what the SUV is, so we had to address that issue.

Council Dexter Bishop: Because of the $250 we would be noted as sponsors for the history bee?

ROTC Officer Albert Smith: What I interpreted from the facts that were given to us, if you participate at more of the state level than the local level there is a greater recognition of who you are rather than just the basic city and town ones. Thank you

Council Dexter Bishop: Commander if I might make just one comment.

Commander Daniel Murray: You may.

Council Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop, Past Department Commander. On the news coming here yesterday it was stated that seven students out of Melrose are going to the National level which I think is in Atlanta Georgia, for the National History Bee. We did have some people at the state level win something and get to a point where they are being so recognized.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. I do know, since Rod is not here, I think he said that they do get to get up and give a little spiel when they first start before the history bee goes on about what ever organization is sponsoring it. It does give you some recognition there too. I'm not sure exactly what goes on after that.

Council Dexter Bishop: Maybe this afternoon we can have Rod here and get some more information.

Commander Daniel Murray: Is there any new business anyone would like to discuss?

Brother Paul Brundige: Paul Brundige Camp Commander of Camp 50. This kind of dovetails into what's (unintelligible) later on. In my earlier statement about work to be done during this past year in excess of $125,000 worth of repairs on the building. we need funding for our boiler. We currently have no heat in our building. We have received estimates from between $16,000 and $24,000 to replace the heating system in the building. We have a chunk of the money ourselves, but we would respectfully ask if the Department of Massachusetts can help us out in any way shape or form?

Commander Daniel Murray: Bring this up in the budget.

Brother Paul Brundige: Very well. Thank you.

Commander Daniel Murray: You're welcome. We'll go into nomination of officers. Are there any nominations for Department Commander? Yes sir.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker Past Department Commander, Camp 104. I would like to nominate for reelection Daniel Murray who is our current Department Commander. Daniel is also Past Department Commander for New Hampshire. He is one of the most active people in the Department. He was Secretary for a long time, certainly he is a blessing for this Department and I hope you agree with me and I nominate Dan Murray.

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: If elected will you serve?

Commander Daniel Murray: Yes, I will. Any other nominations for Department Commander.? Any other nominations for Department Commander? Any other nominations for Department Commander? Nominations are closed for Department Commander. Nominations for Senior Vice Commander.

Treasure Edward Norris: I make a motion that when we only have one nominee that the Secretary cast a vote.

Unknown: I'll second that.

Commander Daniel Murray: All in favor? Any opposed? The motion carries.

Treasure Edward Norris: Regulations.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Senior Vice Commander.

Unknown: Point of order, aren't we supposed to do elections last.

Commander Daniel Murray: No, you can do them now. You can't do installations until the end. Installations have to be the last order of business of the day. Senior Vice Commander? Any nominations for Senior Vice Commander?

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker Past Department Commander. I nominate Stuart Chip Chambers as Senior Vice Commander for the Department. He has been doing a great job and I hope we can continue to support him.

Commander Daniel Murray: If elected, will you serve?

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: I will.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Are there any other nominations for Senior Vice Commander? Are there any other nominations for Senior Vice Commander? Are there any other nominations for Senior Vice Commander? Congratulations Chip.

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Thank you.

Commander Daniel Murray: Are there any nominations for Junior Vice Commander?

Patriotic Instructor Kenneth London: I would like to nominate Bill Naughton for Junior Vice Commander.

Commander Daniel Murray: Bill will you serve if elected?

Junior Vice Commander William Naughton: Yes, I will.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Are there any other nominations for Junior Vice Commander? Are there any other nominations for Junior Vice Commander? Are there any other nominations for Junior Vice Commander? Nominations for Junior Vice Commander a closed, congratulations Bill. Next is Department Secretary. Are there any nominations for Department Secretary?

Treasurer Edward Norris: Ed Norris Department Treasurer, I would like to nominate John Dupre of Camp 25.

Commander Daniel Murray: If elected with you serve?

Secretary John Dupre: Yes, I will.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Are there any other nominations for Secretary? Are there any other nominations for Secretary? Are there any other nominations for Secretary? Congratulations John. Now any nominations for Department Treasurer. Yes sir.

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Stuart Chambers Camp Commander 61, Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Massachusetts. I nominate Ed Norris, he has done a great job not only on Camp 25's level but here in previous years on the Department level so Ed you are nominated.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Gee thanks. I'll accept.

Commander Daniel Murray: You will accept?

Treasurer Edward Norris: Yeah.

Commander Daniel Murray: Alright, are there any other nominations for Treasurer? Are there any other nominations for Treasurer? Are there any other nominations for Treasurer? Congratulations.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Thank you

Commander Daniel Murray: Are there any nominations for Department Council? We have one seat open this year and it's currently held by George Maple.

Brother Paul Grady: Paul Grady Camp 25, I would like to nominate George Maple for Council.

Commander Daniel Murray: George if elected will you serve?

Counsel George Maple: Yes.

Commander Daniel Murray: Are there any other nominations for Department Council? Are there any other nominations for Department Council? Are there any other nominations for Department Council? Congratulations George. Do we have any other elected officers? I think that was it.

Secretary John Dupre: Yes, the rest are appointed.

Commander Daniel Murray: Then elections are done.

Treasurer Edward Norris: No, we have to elect delegates.

Commander Daniel Murray: The National Encampment is in Massachusetts. We are entitled to how many delegates? Do you know what the membership is right now?

Secretary John Dupre: One-hundred-seventy-three.

Commander Daniel Murray: We are entitled to eight delegates this year. We also have seven Past Department Commanders. Who is going to National Encampment this year? Please raise your hand.

Council Kevin Tucker: I nominate William Naughton.

Unknown: Keep going.

Commander Daniel Murray: If elected will you serve?

Junior Vice Commander William Naughton: Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: I nominate Al Smith.

Commander Daniel Murray: If elected will you serve?

ROTC Award Officer Albert Smith: Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: I nominate Stuart Chambers.

Commander Daniel Murray: If elected will you serve?

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: I nominate Edward Knight.

Commander Daniel Murray: If elected will you serve?

Eagle Scout Awards Officer Edward Knight: Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: I nominate Don Hayes.

Commander Daniel Murray: If elected will you serve?

Brother Don Hayes: Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: I nominate Paul Grady.

Commander Daniel Murray: If elected will you serve?

Brother Paul Grady: Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: I nominate Charlie Lewis.

Commander Daniel Murray: If elected will you serve?

Guide Charles Lewis: Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: I nominate Paul Brundige.

Commander Daniel Murray: If elected will you serve?

Brother Paul Brundige: Yes

Commander Daniel Murray. That is the seven. We can vote on them. We can nominate everybody else as an alternate to the Encampment.

Council Kevin Tucker: I nominate Nate Knight.

Secretary John Dupre: All right we have them.

Council Kevin Tucker: Is there anybody else I missed? I nominate Ian Knight.

Treasurer Edward Norris: We're going to have to pass out papers and write down eight names.

Council Kevin Tucker: That is all the nominations I have.

Commander Daniel Murray: Are there any other nominations for delegate? Are there any other nominations for delegate?

Council Kevin Tucker: I nominate Richard Cultrera.

Commander Daniel Murray: Are there any other nominations for delegate? Are there any other nominations for delegate? Are there any other nominations for delegate? Nominations are closed for delegate. We need to wait until we can run off ballot sheets to vote.

Treasurer Edward Norris: I would like to make a motion that all members of the Department of Massachusetts who are members of the Order as of this date be assigned as alternates.

Council Kevin Tucker: Second.

Commander Daniel Murray: We have a motion and a second, is there any discussion? All those in favor? And opposed? The ayes have it. We're going to take a five-minute break while we wait for the ballots to come back.

Recess

Commander Daniel Murray: (Three rap of gavel) The Chaplain will open the Bible.

Council Kevin Tucker: Does everyone have a ballot? Everyone is going to vote for up to eight people.

Commander Daniel Murray: If there are more than eight checked we will throw the ballot out. I need a committee to count the ballots. Chip do you want to be on the committee to count the ballots?

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Sure.

Commander Daniel Murray: Bill Naughton do you want to count them up with him after he collects them?

Junior Vice Commander William Naughton: Yes, I will.

Commander Daniel Murray: Nathaniel Knight, do you want to count the ballots with these two gentlemen?

Brother Nathaniel Knight: Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: How many ballots should we have?

Treasurer Edward Norris: There should be twenty. Dan can't vote so there should be nineteen.

Commander Daniel Murray: I think this should be eighteen because Rod is not here.

Council Kevin Tucker: I have eighteen.

Treasurer Edward Norris: You need to go to the back of the room and count them up. Do you need pencil and paper?

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Let me get a sheet of paper from the secretary.

(Committee counts the ballots)

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: The following are the results of the vote in a committee of three all concur with these existing eight names. William Naughton, Albert Smith, Stuart Chambers, Edward Knight, Donald Hayes, Paul Grady, Charles Lewis, and Paul Brundage.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: You're welcome.

Commander Daniel Murray: Guide, would you please bring Mary Catherine Knight forward. I would like to thank you and welcome you to our Department Encampment. Here's a little something to show our appreciation for your attendance.

President Mary Catherine Knight: Thank you. Mary Catherine Knight Department President of Massachusetts and National Patriotic Instructor. I want to thank you all for allowing me to join but unfortunately the state of the Department of Massachusetts, we have had a lot of illness, so we have had to postpone our Encampment. I certainly enjoy we can have a joint Encampment and I appreciate everything that you Brothers have done for us in the past years in keeping the fraternity going. Thank you

Commander Daniel Murray: All right gentlemen we are going to break for lunch. Lunch is at 11:30, they haven't told me where, I'm sorry, I'm assuming it is down where we had breakfast. It is down the hall from the front desk.

Council Kevin Tucker: I will go to the front desk to find out where it is at.

Department Commander Daniel Murray: Do you want to do that real quick to make sure before we break?

Council Kevin Tucker: Commander it will be served in the Hampton room, just down the hall before the restrooms.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you.

Treasurer Edward Norris: All right I found a couple of other things I made an error on. Oh, Edward Norris Department Treasurer. All of these are transactions on page 1 on July 8. There's check 1697, $330, that was a check from the previous year, so we didn't put it in the budget. It wouldn't have been offset against the budget. On February 28 the Lincoln day brunch payment from the SUVCW goes against the actual budget items and they should have been offsets. That was another $1125. I don't know if I mentioned it but on March 31 that says Department Encampment, that should be Department Encampment expense so that is another $211. I am still missing $975 that I have to reconcile but I will get a report out to everybody. It looks better than the $6105.

Commander Daniel Murray: All right we're going to break for lunch, lunch will be in the Hampton room, those that are staying can go to lunch. (Three raps of gavel.) The Chaplain will close the Bible.

Recess for lunch

Commander Daniel Murray: (three raps of gavel) The Chaplain will open the Bible. (one rap of gavel).

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker Past Department Commander, who left his glasses in the other room. So, this is from the committee appointed by the Commander to deal with the change in the bylaws. The committee recommends the adoption of the following changes to the Department of Massachusetts bylaws: first we're going to replace current Article 1 – Department with the following; Article 1 organization – the Department shall be constituted and remain constituted as provided by the Constitution in Regulations governing the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and shall be known as Department of Massachusetts Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Department is organized as an unincorporated association under the laws of the State of Massachusetts. The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code. Secondly, add the following articles renumbering current articles 2 and 3 to articles 4 and 5 eliminating current article 5 which doesn't really exist it is just a placeholder. Renumber all subsequent articles beginning with article 7. Does everyone follow that, there will be a quiz. Article 2 Activities not in furtherance of exempt purposes: No part of the net earnings, if any, of this unincorporated association, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the unincorporated association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes described in section 501(c)3. No substantial part of the activities of the unincorporated association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the unincorporated association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these by-laws, the unincorporated association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an unincorporated association exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of

any future federal tax code, or (b) by an unincorporated association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)2 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Article 3, Separation, Dissolution and Disposition of Assets: Section 1: In the case of surrender or forfeiture of the Department Charter, all Department property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Section 2: All property of the Department shall be held for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as a charitable trust that is held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists. Any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of the Department Charter without the written consent of the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is prohibited. The property and funds of the Department shall not be divided among its members. Section 3: In the event the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, no longer exists, said property and funds shall revert to the benefit of the first and any remaining organization of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic or in their absence, to the State archives of Massachusetts. Section 4: Notwithstanding the above language, upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose. So moved.

Commander Daniel Murray: Second?

Unknown: I will second.

Commander Daniel Murray: Discussion?

ROTC Awards Officer Albert Smith: Al Smith Camp 5. Question for Kevin. The wording said that the dissolution of the Department but if the Department remains intact, but a camp should dissolve is that wording in there? I didn't get the word camp. Mister (unintelligible) mentioned his camp might be in jeopardy. I was just wondering.

Council Kevin Tucker: What you are thinking about would be in the Camp bylaws which also have to adopt something similar to this. In those Camp bylaws it will say that if the Camp closes any property has to be sent to National. But that is not what we are dealing with, we are just dealing with it on the Department level.

Unknown: I thought the Camp property went to the Department.

Council Kevin Tucker: That is not what is in the order. If you read it and it is in here or it is in his order, any property of the Camp is held by the Department for National, it can't be spent or distributed. We could not incorporate it into our permanent fund because it would not be ours. That is one of the changes that they want.

Council Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop Past Department Commander, I have a question. Now we have close to $900,000, are these bylaws about to give them that $900,000 if we cease to exist? Is that right?

Council Kevin Tucker: Yes, if the Department closes it has always been the case.

Counsel George Maple: They have been wanting it for 20 years.

Council Dexter Bishop: If for some reason there is a hiccup in the Department, and it ceases to exist in the next 20 years or so the money we are sitting on will go to them.

Council Kevin Tucker: And not only that all of our property.

Council Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop Past Department Commander. Another question for Kevin. In here we hear that we have become a nonprofit association. What is the status of this Department now? Is it a corporation or an association? Does anybody know?

Treasurer Edward Norris: We are still 501(c) 4.

Council Dexter Bishop: Are we an association or because I think we are a corporation because we are under the umbrella of National which was constituted by the United States Congress and only the US Congress can undo what it does. Yet we see the IRS calling us an association. I am just trying to find out what the official word is.

Council Kevin Tucker: All that our bylaws say on that matter is the Department of Massachusetts shall be constituted as provided by the Constitution and Regulations governing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War acting under the authority of the charter from the Commander in Chief. It doesn't break it down in our bylaws.

Commander Daniel Murray: Yes, Al.

ROTC Awards Officer Albert Smith: Al Smith Camp 5, I believe the legal interpretation as to the difference between an association and the National being a 501 (c) 3. In order to have the same number for all the various locations, all the different states, all the different Departments, it has to be listed legally as an association because having 20, 30, 40 states, whatever it is under one FID number, so it has to be listed technically as an association so there is no difference. My question is we, Massachusetts, have the same ID number as National and a Camp should dissolve because we possess the same ID number why can't we, as a Department, receive the Camps assets rather than the National receive the assets? It is the same FID number. We are the same as the National.

Treasurer Edward Norris: That is not how it is working. So the National Organization became a 501 (c) 3 on February 9 of this year. We filed for a group exemption and we were turned down. There were too many errors and confusion with the status of Camps and Departments. So National has continued to work with the tax lawyers that we have, refiling for a group exemption again. Any Camp or Department that has filed for 501(c)3 cannot come under that group exemption. They will always have to be on their own and fill out whatever paperwork. We are not going to have a single EIN so they will be subordinate to National which we were before. So that is the progress that David McReynolds, he is the National Treasurer, has been working pretty diligently with all of the lawyers involved. We are going to file for another group exemption. Part of this general order is to get us ready for the group exemption. If we don't put this in, we cannot come under the group exemption. So, it is almost imperative that we put this

stuff in. In terms of what we are, the Federal Charter of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was reissued in 1998 and the organization is a federally chartered corporation.

Council Dexter Bishop: Federally chartered.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Federally chartered corporation.

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Not an association.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Right.

Commander Daniel Murray: Yes, Dexter.

Council Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop Past Department Commander. I would like to, until we can get some more information and get this really straightened around, I would like to table this motion until next year and give us a chance to be looking at what they say at the upcoming National Encampment. Especially where our National charter and we are under that as a corporation and they are talking association, I think we need to work that out. I would like to make a motion to table this until we get further information to find out exactly where we are and what exactly does this really mean to us.

Council Kevin Tucker: Second.

Commander Daniel Murray: I don't think you need a second to table, it must be an up or down vote. Tabling takes precedence over everything. All of those in favor of tabling this? Any opposed? The ayes have it and the motion is tabled. You can bring it back on the floor anytime you want, but for now it is tabled.

Treasurer Edward Norris: I don't know if he will reissue the Order.

Commander Daniel Murray: We have to have it done by……..

Council Kevin Tucker: You have until June 2019.

Commander Daniel Murray: Yes, they want to wait until National Encampment.

Treasurer Edward Norris: We will wait to see if Mark or whoever is next reissues that General Order or something else. I'll be surprised if he changes the General Order because Departments are already doing this.

Commander Daniel Murray: Is the Council ready to do the budget?

Council Kevin Tucker: Yes.

Commander Daniel Murray: If there is no further new business we will go into the budget.

Council Kevin Tucker: All right, would you like to help pass these out?

Treasurer Edward Norris: Ed Norris Department Treasurer, the anticipated income from our stock is $26,416. The proposed budget is $31,025 which is $4609 more than we are anticipating receiving.

Council Kevin Tucker: So, here we are. Kevin Tucker Past Department Commander Camp 104. The Council submits the following budget for your consideration. Going to the top line in green is the total expenses, this is what we recommend $31,025. You can see last year's actual budget was $8500 under. Most of these things are going to stay the same I am just going to go through them. If anybody has a question or objection as I go through just raise your hand. The General Butler ceremony we put aside $100.

Commander Daniel Murray: Ed Norris.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Ed Norris Department Treasurer I make a motion that we vote on each line item.

Counsel George Maple: I second.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? All those in favor? Any opposed? The motion passes.

Council Kevin Tucker: The budget continues. All right I will start again the total expense that we are recommending is $31,025. Breaking it down the General Butler ceremony $100. Colors maintenance and repair $500.

Unknown: We have to vote on the first one.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? On General Butler, any discussion? (rap of gavel)

Council Kevin Tucker: Colors maintenance and repair $500.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? (rap of gavel)

Council George Maple: Do we know where the flags are?

Council Kevin Tucker: We are working on it.

Commander Daniel Murray: We will find them. They will turn up.

Council Kevin Tucker: Total Department Officer travel $3250 and breaks out this way. Commander $1500, Senior Vice Commander $500, Junior Vice Commander $500, secretary $500, Treasurer $250 and Chaplain $250. The total is $3500.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? (rap of gavel)

Council Kevin Tucker: The next item is Depot rental to the hall in Rockland for $1000.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? (rap of gavel)

Council Kevin Tucker: Next is Department Encampment for $2000.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? Go ahead Chip.

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: I was just wondering if that would be sufficient?

Council Kevin Tucker: Who are you?

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Stuart Chambers Camp 61 Commander, Senior Vice Commander Department of Massachusetts. After going to the Michigan one and seeing the turn up and how that was run to you think $2000 is going to be sufficient?

Commander Daniel Murray: This is for the Department Encampment.

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: This is for the Department one.

Commander Daniel Murray: Yes.

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: I thought this was for the National one.

Commander Daniel Murray: That one is further down the line

Council Kevin Tucker: Just an aside, the National Encampment is way more than $2000.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? (rap of gavel)

Council Kevin Tucker: Officers bond $300.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? (rap of gavel)

Council Kevin Tucker: I just want to remind everybody if you look across and see what last year's actual was and what last year's budgeted was and the difference. Next is Department Officers meetings $1000. This is to have lunch with our Department meetings.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? (rap of gavel)

Council Kevin Tucker: Next is Good of the Order $4700. If we break that down Chelsea Soldiers Home $2500, Eagle Scout award $300, other $500, recruitment $700, we have increased that by $200, genealogical research $200, stone cleaning and placement which I don't think we've ever used for $500 for a total of $4700.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion?

Treasurer Edward Norris: Yes.

Commander Daniel Murray: Go right ahead.

Treasurer Edward Norris: I would like to know why we need $700 to recruit when we typically spend less than $100.

Commander Daniel Murray: I'm going to turn the gavel over to the Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers. Rod Frazier was supposed to be here for this. At the officers meeting it was decided to put it under recruitment and increase the budget to $700. This is to help sponsor the state champion to go to national for the history bee. The National history bee is a fairly recent thing. They're trying to get high schools involved in the state. In order to sponsor a team to go to National would be around $700. You can put your logo on the website, you get to speak at this state championship about your organization and get you out into the public eye. You can also set

up an information table to pass out pamphlets, applications and information about the organization. We decided we would try to get our name out there with the younger people to see if we can do anything. The SAR was talking about it too, but I think at the meeting in Massachusetts they did not get to. It was supposed to have been brought up at their annual meeting and we were going to split costs with them. Their meeting ran longer than it should have, and it was never brought up. Would at least like to try it and see what happens. That's what the $700 is for. We put $500 under recruitment every year and we very seldom go over 40 or $50 spent. The increase in this line item is in the hopes that people would pass it so we can try this for one year to see where it gets us. Thank you.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Edward Norris Department Treasurer. I don't think this is a reasonable expense. We spent $88 and some change on it this year. I know we got no positive feedback and got no new members on this. We have a lot of expenses coming up with the National Encampment that we are holding this year. I think we should keep the budget at $500.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker Past Department Commander Camp 104. I disagree with the Treasurer on this. This is a new initiative that is targeting high school kids that are already interested in history. They are already history buffs. We are exposing the organization to them at their event showing them that we support what they do and hopefully getting them interested in what we do. In the past the $84 was setting up a booth at a town day or something. That's like broadcasting in general. This is specific to people who are already interested in history. Probably even more specific than Scouts. These people are history buffs and that is why they are in this contest. I think we should at least try for one year to see if we gain any new members from this. I think it is well worth it.

Commander Daniel Murray: Yes, sir.

Brother Donald Hayes: Don Hays Camp 61. Speaking from inside the high school as a retired high school teacher I can only underscore and support what Kevin just said about the students who go to these history bees and the excitement they experience when they are involved. I think it is a good thing for us to be there exposing ourselves to people who were already interested.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Edward Norris Department Treasurer, I fully agree with what Kevin and Don said about it is a very worthy cause. I do not see it perpetuating the memory of our veterans. It is not a Civil War history bee, therefore that is my disagreement with it.

Commander Daniel Murray: Al Smith.

ROTC Awards Officer Albert Smith: Al Smith Camp 5. I just have one question under the category of others. Does this include ROTC awards?

Treasurer Edward Norris: We used to have a line item for ROTC awards.

Commander Daniel Murray: We will figure it out. We can put it under miscellaneous. Yes, Chip.

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Camp 61 Stuart Chambers. So, we're talking $200 more than what we have budgeted in the past over a number of years. What I have heard is that it

is a history bee, work to sponsor it, just us as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The platform to talk about our organization and our sponsorship. Is that correct?

Commander Daniel Murray: Yes.

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: So, whether it is all history it's an opportunity for someone to get out there and talk about our organization, and for $200 I wouldn't mind having it done.

Council Kevin Tucker: Just to speak to it one more time, as everyone knows, when you folks go out and try to recruit what is the number one thing you hear? I've never heard of that organization before. This puts our logo on their website, this gives us a sponsorship and again it is targeted specifically at people who are interested in history. Not people who are interested in Civil War history but history and those are our target audience. On a personal level, being from Massachusetts you are always interested in Revolutionary War history. I wasn't interested in Civil War history until I was exposed to it and saw what it was, and now I am like all of you, hooked on it. So, I think it is worth the gamble and if we get nothing from it, we can always take it back next year and zero it back out. But we haven't spent this money in a long time, so we been saving up for a good reason to spend it and this is a good reason.

Council Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop Past Department Commander. I support this $700. In Lynn Camp 5 and the Roundtable they have run a history bee for 4 or 5 years now. Granted it is a very focused group, i.e. the Lynn schools but not only that we have noticed not only do the kids get excited, but their parents also tune into what their kids are doing. So now you are not just looking at the future members of the Sons, but you are now looking at people who may possibly be able to start as adults. It is amazing that a lot of parents out there, they do buy into what their kids are doing in schools and especially if they are the "the good kids". They are very focused and some of them have. And when we focus on the Civil War and Lynn history, we do those two together, and it is amazing the answers these kids have. They are very competitive, and they jump right in there. They compete quite hard to win for their schools. We give to the school a $500 bounty to the winning school for the history department. They can spend that money on anything they want on history. Every year I get the questions; what are we going to have the history when we don't have the history? That is coming from the teachers and from the kids. So, they're beginning to think, gee, this is something worthwhile. Every year even though we usually get the 12th graders they are leaving, and a new crop is coming up. So, there are always new people going through. So, I do support to try this for a year and see what it does. It is something new and we have never done it, let's see what happens.

Brother Perley Mellor: Perley Mellor Past Commander in Chief. I have been trying to stay out of this but I'm into it now. Recruitment I have no problems with it at all but I'm just trying to figure out the other is just above it. That $500 for other.

Treasurer Edward Norris: I can give you examples of it.

Brother Perley Mellor: I would appreciate that.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Edward Norris Department Treasurer, examples of "other": we started Camp 54 out of that for $25, a blanket and a knapsack that we use for our vacant chair ceremony so again I was $143.90, we paid for Camp 37 of West Springfield. That came out of it; that was $25. You go to the budget you'll probably see others, just looking quick. So here I gave $70.57 to the ROTC for folders. Here's another one, Project New Hope awards dinner that was $200, that came out of there. I think that was it. There may be others in there but that's just an example of what we use it for.

Brother Perley Mellor: Thank you, I appreciate it.

Commander Daniel Murray: Ed.

Eagle Scout awards Officer Edward Knight: Ed Knight Camp 15, I make a motion to move the question.

Commander Daniel Murray: All right we will move to the question.

Treasurer Edward Norris: I made the motion on the $700 and then we have to vote on that, then on the whole Good of the Order.

Commander Daniel Murray: What did you make a motion on?

Treasurer Edward Norris: I moved that it be $500.

Commander Daniel Murray: Could you please restate the motion?

Treasurer Edward Norris: I made a motion that recruitment stayed $500 instead of $700.

Commander Daniel Murray: Did we have a second?

Treasurer Edward Norris: I don't know. Maybe we had this discussion for nothing.

Secretary John Dupree: I don't remember it as a motion but rather as a question.

Commander Daniel Murray: I do remember it is a question not a motion.

Council Kevin Tucker: Do you want to so make it?

Treasurer Edward Norris: No, I'm going to lose anyway so, it doesn't really matter.

Commander Daniel Murray: All those in favor of the Good of the Order $4700 say aye. Any opposed? The motion carries.

Council Kevin Tucker: Next is grave flag holders $1500.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? (rap of gavel)

Council Kevin Tucker: Next is the Lincoln brunch $500.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? (rap of gavel)

Council Kevin Tucker: Next is miscellaneous $1000.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? (rap of gavel)

Council Kevin Tucker: Delegate travel to National $2700.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? (rap of gavel)

Council Kevin Tucker: 2018 National Encampment, the final payment $4000.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? (rap of gavel)

Council Kevin Tucker: Next is funding equipment for podcast $150.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? (rap of gavel)

Council Kevin Tucker: The Remembrance Day trip subsidy for $3000.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? (rap of gavel)

Council Kevin Tucker: Next is the Secretary office expense $500.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? (rap of gavel)

Council Kevin Tucker: Next is sponsored events $1500.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion?

Treasurer Edward Norris: Ed Norris Department Treasurer. Can someone explain what we're going to use an extra thousand dollars for in the budget, I mean $500.

Commander Daniel Murray: Yes Dexter.

Council Dexter Bishop: This additional money can be used for various events that are coming up that we know of and some that we don't know of. As an example, when we do a program in Lynn, historically we have asked for from the Department help in putting forward the event. We try to raise money and the Department has always been very generous to us. You have various other events that are coming up that the extra money can be used for the relationship to sponsoring those events. We're in a position now actually at the turning point where we either get out into the public and let them know that we are here, we are alive and what we do. We can continue what we are doing, and nobody knows that we are there. So, by helping to sponsor some of these outside events it gets us before the public. I find now that in Lynn it is amazing the number of people who come to the front door of the GAR Hall there and say I never knew this place was here. That is because we haven't been out in the public pushing them to know what we are doing there. Some of us were on the local Lynn TV a while back and now we're even on YouTube. I never thought I would end up on YouTube, but we are on YouTube. Charlie and Al Smith were there. We were interviewed and that is what we have to start doing. We can't do it without some funding available and that is why the additional funds were asked for. There are things out there. We need to get our presence known to the public. Thank you

Treasurer Edward Norris: Ed Norris Department Treasurer. So last year we had $1000 and we only spent $150. I don't see a need that we have to jump this up even more when we were $850

less. I know there is something else that may be coming up where we need additional funds to support Rockland's GAR Hall. I would like to see this stay at $1000 so we can allocate more to Rockland if that comes up. I'll make a motion that we keep this at $1000.

Commander Daniel Murray: Is there a second?

Unknown: Second.

Commander Daniel Murray: Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your hands. That is nine. All those opposed? There are five hands raised. While the ayes have it, the sponsored events amount is lowered to $1000. Now, all of those in favor of sponsored events for $1000 say aye. Any opposed? (rap of gavel)

Council Kevin Tucker: Next is the Treasurer's office expense $2900, and that breaks down to the annual CPA review is $2050 which is a fixed cost. Office supplies for $350 and tax form preparation is $500 again a fixed cost.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Ed Norris Department Treasurer I would like to make a motion that the office supplies be dropped down to $100.

Commander Daniel Murray: Second.

Unknown: Second.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Ed Norris Department Treasurer. Last year I spent $60.13 and I don't anticipate spending much more than that anyways. So, you can use a $250 for something else.

Commander Daniel Murray: All those in favor of lowering this to $100 say aye. Any opposed? (rap of gavel)

Council Kevin Tucker: So, the Treasurer's office expense will now be $2650.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion on this? All those in favor of $2650 say aye. Any opposed? (rap of gavel)

Council Kevin Tucker: Next is website expenses, that is web hosting and name registration $175.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? (rap of gavel)

Council Kevin Tucker: Last on my list is Wreaths Across America for $250.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? (rap of gavel)

Treasurer Edward Norris: Ed Norris Department Treasurer. I'd like to make a motion would put a line item in here for the Rockland GAR Hall so they can do some work on their boiler for $750. That is the amount that we cut from Sponsored events and in the Treasurer's office supply. As you know we keep our records there and if you have ever been to the hall you how nice it is.

It would be a shame to see any of that stuff spoiled due to condensation because they cannot keep the boiler going. I think it is important that we help keep that hall going.

Commander Daniel Murray: Do you want as a line item or a motion?

Treasurer Edward Norris: A line item.

Commander Daniel Murray: You want to keep it permanent then.

Treasurer Edward Norris: No, we can get rid of line items. We have done it in the past.

Commander Daniel Murray: Why don't you just make a motion?

Treasurer Edward Norris: All right I can make a motion for a donation. I would like to amend my motion for $750. I will make a motion that we donate $750 to the Rockland GAR Hall for the upkeep of their boiler.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? Al.

ROTC Awards Officer Albert Smith: Al Smith Camp 5. I just want a little clarification. The new boiler system will cost how much? The donation and the difference that Rockland can make towards the total cost and the $750. In other words, is it possible that we can increase at $750 to get to buy to a little but more to help Rockland out and to make it a little bit easier for Rockland? If Rockland could give a report as to how much they've got and how much it's going to cost and what's available and maybe, we could adjust a $750 figure.

Brother Paul Brundige: Paul Brundige Camp 50. We got estimates anywhere from $16,000-$24,000. We have approximately between $4000 and $5500 that we can put towards it. The way that we had been working our fund is to raise money and then getting matching grants to go with it. We are not sure where we are at, we certainly don't have $15,000, $16,000 or $24,000 to get this replaced. Any donation can help, and I don't want to have this come off as ungrateful because we certainly do appreciate this but I'm not sure that the $750 or $1000 is going to help us get into where we need to be. The last time that the boiler went which was 19 or 20 years ago we had received a loan from the Massachusetts Department which basically instead of getting the thousand dollars for rent for the department equipment that is there and we basically took that off the rent to pay the Department back. Once again, I don't want this to sound ungrateful if we can't get a good chunk would the Department be willing to help us out in that way assuming that we are going to be around for the next 20 years and allow us to repay it. If we can't get a large enough chunk……

Council Kevin Tucker: What is a large enough chunk?

Brother Paul Brundige: Realistically we would be looking at $12,000. That's a big chunk of change but you have to keep in mind; gentlemen I do understand that this is a huge commitment but we've also put a lot of time……

Council Kevin Tucker: That is almost half of our annual budget.

Further Paul Brundige: As I stated earlier, we've put over $125,000 into this building in the last year and a half. We thought we were pretty close to where we need to be.

Treasurer Edward Norris: I don't know how we loaned out in the past.

Commander Daniel Murray: It was probably not in the bylaws about a permanent fund.

Council Kevin Tucker: I think they gave them the money up front and called it a loan.

Treasurer Edward Norris: We can't do it.

Brother Paul Brundige: Okay that is fine, but we thought we would start with the Department. But anything that can be given to us would help us. We've done auctions; we do the stroll keeping the building opened and getting people through there in the cold times obviously we need heat, thank you.

Council Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop Past Department Commander. I would like to throw this out as a suggestion in the fact that we don't have $12,000 to give to you. That perhaps over a period of 3 years where in fact we will not be setting aside $4000 in the coming years for additional money for the National Encampment I would like to suggest that we take and consider making a pledge to over the next 3 years at least $2000 or $3000 a year for that purpose. Know it's coming and maybe you can work some way to someone else to pay. I throw that out as a possibility because I know also that I am looking to have the Department help start the fund that we are going for in Lynn. We are now in the process of raising $10 million. What we want to do is the Lynn GAR Hall, the city has finally moved but they won't pay for it. But they have finally moved to the point where they want to make the Hall up to today's museum code. That means all the paperwork being digitized, all the air conditioning and heating. They have heating but no air conditioning to keep the building at a given temperature; get some of the building put back together again so those are some of the things that we would be looking to do. I would like to see us make some sort of a pledge as a vehicle to pay for, especially when we have the $4000 that we are not going to be setting aside.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Next year would probably work.

Commander Daniel Murray: Yes, Al.

ROTC Awards Officer Albert Smith: Al Smith I have a question as far as how to pay for this investment in the new heating system in Rockland. Have you checked out the possibility that you would be entitled to the renewable energy credit? Whether we as a 501(c)3 would be entitled to it?

Brother Paul Brundige: Paul Brundige, again, Camp 50. As far as renewable energy I am not sure how far, I believe one of our folks have looked into doing something like that but we also have spoken, not to do with the 501(c)3 but the gas company often will offer incentives where if you change over from your boiler from oil to gas but unfortunately because we don't go through enough of it that we are not eligible even though we are commercial. We are not eligible for it because we are not a big huge building. It wouldn't make it worth their while to give us a

discount or break on anything. The gentleman at National Grid said he would not be able to help us because we didn't use enough oil.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker Past Department Commander I would like to make a friendly amendment to update the amount of the donation to $1000.

Treasurer Edward Norris: I will accept.

Commander Daniel Murray: We have a motion on the floor to give $1000 to Rockland to help pay for the heating system. Any more discussion? All those in favor? Any opposed? (rap of gavel) the motion carries. So, the bottom line of the budget is?

Treasurer Edward Norris: I have $30,275.

Commander Daniel Murray: The bottom line of the budget is $30,275. We will take a five-minute break and come back for installation of officers. (three raps of gavel) The Chaplain will close the Bible (rap of gavel).

Recess

Meeting called back to Order. Chaplain opened the Bible.

Commander Daniel Murray: Anything else before we go to installations? Any other new business?

Unknown: Good of the Order?

Commander Daniel Murray: That will be after installations. Go ahead.

Past Commander in Chief Perley Mellor: Perley Mellor, Past Commander in Chief. I have been pushing this gentleman now for about five or six years, Mr. Ed Norris, To go up the chairs from Council. I put him in as Chief of Staff, Department Treasurer when we had no Treasurer when the treasurer died. He has now come to Junior Vice and I am pushing him and hope we all nominate him for Senior Vice Commander in Chief, and I am hoping the Department of Massachusetts will vote wholeheartedly for him at our upcoming Encampment of which I will probably attend this year. I have missed the last couple due to circumstances beyond my control, but I will be at this year's in Framingham at the Castle. In fact already have my room. I am looking forward to this Encampment again on this auspicious occasion. If nobody has ever been to the National Encampment it is different. You will enjoy it. The last one we put on was in 2008; it was a lot of work. This time here we have another person Mr. Ed Norris who is our Department Treasurer now, who is running for Senior Vice Commander in Chief. Next step the big step. I'll lay it on Ed's broad shoulders. Thank you.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any other new business? Yes sir.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Pass Department Commander, I make a resolution that we send onto National putting Brother Norris' name as Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

Unknown: I'll second that.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye. Any opposed? Motion passed

Treasurer Edward Norris: Ed Norris Department Treasurer. Last National Encampment Kevin Tucker was elected to the Council of Administration. So, we should be seeing him up through the chairs hopefully in the future.

Commander Daniel Murray: Is there anything else? Now we will go into installations.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Commander Murray, in relieving you of the Command of this Department on behalf of the Officers, I convey to you their thanks for the manner in which you have discharged your duties. I trust that in surrendering the Command of this Department your interests in the welfare of this Order will not cease. Having received the highest honors which your fellow members can confer upon you, your continuing commitment will point the way for others who still serve the Order. These be seated on my left. Commander Elect, are you prepared to announce your staff appointments? If so, the Guide will hand your list to the Secretary. Secretary, call the role of the Officers Elect and Staff Appointees who, as their names are called, will rise.

Secretary John Dupre: Commander Daniel Murray, Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers, Junior Vice Commander William B Naughton, Secretary John Dupre, Treasurer Edward Norris, Council Kevin P Tucker, Council George Maple, and Council Dexter Bishop.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Any appointees?

Secretary John Dupre: Patriotic Instructor Kenneth London, Counselor Kevin Tucker, Guide Charles Lewis, Signals Officer John Manning, Color Bearer Richard Cultrera, Graves Registration Officer William Naughton, Civil War Memorials Officer Edward Norris, GAR Highway Officer George Maple, Eagle Scout Coordinator Edward Knight, ROTC Awards Officer Albert Smith, the Department Organizer Edward Norris

Treasurer Edward Norris: Is that it?

Secretary John Dupre: That's it.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Brothers these are your regularly chosen Officers for the next term. If any Brother has any valid reason why any of them should not be installed, let him speak now or forever hold his peace. Brother Grady, act as Guide and present these Brothers before the Altar, for installation. Officers, you have been selected to positions of great honor and trust. With the Commander you will be responsible for the financial and material prosperity and interests of this Department and the members of this Encampment confidently expect that your discharge of the duties and responsibilities resting upon you will be conspicuous with zeal, ability and good works. I trust that you appreciate the great confidence placed in you and that you remember that the success or failure of the administration of your Department will depend very largely upon the manner in which you discharge the duties of their respective offices. Are you now willing to pledge solemnly to the faithful performance of your several duties?

Response: I am.

Treasurer Edward Norris: You will each raise your right hand, place your left hand on the Bible, and repeat after me, using your name where I do mine: I, Edward Norris, having been regularly chosen as an Officer of the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, hereby renew the sacred obligation given at the time of my initiation, and the presence of Almighty God and the members of this Encampment here assembled do furthermore solemnly and sincerely promise and declare that I will to the best of my ability, in word and deed, and without fear or favor, faithfully, honestly and partially perform all the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter. So help me God.

Treasurer Edward Norris: You may drop your hands. Guide, conduct the officers to the respective stations, acting Officers vacating. You can all go back to your regular seats. Commander, by the votes of the members of this Encampment you have been elected to the highest honor within their gift. Your election to this honorable position is an evidence not only of their regard and appreciation of your work and ability as a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War but is an assurance that your conduct of the affairs of this Department will be characterized by faithful, Ernest and conscientious devotion to the responsibilities resting upon you. Grave trusts and grave cares await you, and to their faithful performance I now most solemnly direct you. As no work of this nature can be a success without the assistance of the Divine Provider, the Chaplain will ask his assistance and guidance.

Acting Chaplain Dexter Bishop: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father we humbly ask your blessing on these Brothers assembled for installation. Grant them your wisdom that they may daily perform the duties of the office into which they are to be installed, with the knowledge that thou art ever watching over them. Keep them in good health that they will not falter on the way. Bless them with your great mercies that they might be competent to administer the many problems that will confront them. Bless their every action in your name through the mediation of your Blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Commander your Officers are now at their respective stations and I am about to place you in full control. But first I give to your care the Charter of this Department. Prize it for the privileges it bestows and guard it sacredly for the filial heritage it represents. Next, by placing in your care the ritual of our Order and a copy of the Constitution and Regulations for the government of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, both of which I advise you to study with care, to be true to its principles and faithful to its teachings. Lastly you will receive this gavel, emblem of your authority. One rap calls the Encampment to order and seats the same when standing; two raps calls the Officers to their feet; three raps calls up the entire Encampment. And now, by the virtue of the authority invested in me, as the Installing Officer of the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby declare the Officers of this Department legally elected, installed and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties for the term ending April 2019 or until their successors are regularly elected, qualified and installed. Now, I am pleased to present you with the badge of the office of Department Commander. Commander, assume your command. Be true to your vow, faithful to your trust, unflinching in your loyalty and rule with civility, impartiality and firmness, and may your administration be successful.

Commander Daniel Murray: Now we will have Good of the Order.

Council Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop Past Department Commander, I would just like to let everybody know that this August 9th through 11th we will be having the National Encampment here in Massachusetts. I want to put you all on notice, that we expect you to be there. There is an awful lot that goes into making this a success, and without your help it will flop and then we will have a big black mark against our names and probably never get to have the National Encampment here again. That isn't going to happen because I know you were all going to come and participate and do whatever it takes to make this, and by the way, bring other Brothers and Sisters to participate, we need every good hand we can get. There is always long lines it have to be guided, there is bags we have to fill and it just goes on and on. Your committee of about eight or nine people have been working for the last three years getting things together. So, thank Kevin Tucker who is now the National Site Committee chairperson, he gave us a nice packet of various types of forms, that if we follow them, we will be ready completely for the Encampment. So, I want to very much encourage you all to set those dates aside and be prepared to come and listen to and join in the Encampment. Be prepared to help out because we are going to need all the help we can get. I just can't say that enough and I will probably be sending out emails and everything else over the next few months saying come.

What is going to take place there as far as the tours are concerned, we will have our normal business Friday and Saturday. But on Thursday at nine o'clock you can get on a bus and take a ride to Boston and will leave from the wharf in Boston go down through Boston harbor to Fort Warren, have some tours there, have lunch and then come back. Now the boat time will be led by Chuck Viet one of the areas well-known Navy expertise guys and speakers, at least in the roundtable families. Then we will be back in Framingham at 4 o'clock. At 5 o'clock we get on another bus and we go to Lynn. You get a pork roast dinner and tour of that Hall. If you are too old and too infirm you may not want to take that tour because to go up there is no elevator. There are 22 stairs for the first walk-up, and they are steep. What you're up there I always tell everybody to stay on that floor for 10 or 15 minutes to catch your breath and get back to your normal color instead of blue. You will see a library uniform room and all of the memorabilia that is on that floor.

Then you take the next 22 stairs and there is two ante-rooms and then the main hall. What is in the main hall, you have to come to see it, I'm not going to tell you. I can tell you this, the capstan from the USS Kearsarge and is the real one. We have the history of where it came from and how it got there, well within a certain amount of truth, of how it got to Lynn. The Kearsarge came to Boston in 1866 or early 1867 and was refitted. Somehow that capstan fell off the ship into Charlestown and they cleaned the wharf area and took the junk away. Afterwards it somehow managed to walk its way to Lynn and the guys in Lynn had it as an altar. It's been there as the altar ever since. Actually Post 5 was founded in 1867. You can see that there is a lot of history in that room. I didn't mention it but, on the first floor landing, we have a note signed by the 16th President of the United States. We have a flag that flew in Richmond just prior to its fall to General Grant. We have so many other little tidbits like that and then you go upstairs and when you get into the grand Hall you see that. Now just to go back upstairs for a second if you

look at that capstan, we have a picture of it that was made or taken over on the side and you can see it's the capstan from that ship. We also have two Medal of Honor recipients and one of them happens to be the gentleman who started this post during that battle. His post happened to be at the wheel and the Alabama fired a 100-pound shell and it went in under his feet followed the rudder, but he managed to keep the ship going around and around like it was supposed to and for that he was some years later awarded the Medal of Honor. There are all kinds of stories that we can tell you. If you really want to have a great time, start at nine in the morning and be exhausted by 10 o'clock at night. You will have a great time. I wanted to make sure that you all know that and bring anyone you can think of because we need to fill the bus and we need to make it a successful day.

Unknown: What are the dates?

Council Dexter Bishop: That is on 9th of August. The Campfire is on Friday night and Kevin would you tell everybody who the entertainment is for the Campfire.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker Past Department Commander. For our campfire we are going to have the Salem Zouaves doing precision drill, Civil War style. If you haven't seen them, they are pretty spectacular and we're going to have Joey Voices. He is an impersonator, comedian and musician or singer. It looks to be a really good, entertaining Encampment.

Council Dexter Bishop: Then of course after the Campfire, on the next day we have our business and then our banquet. It is going to be a great time, lots of things happening. Now that is the big one. Though we have other things I would like to tell you about that is happening as far as the Good of the Order is concerned.

Council Kevin Tucker: Before Dexter continues, because Dexter always has a ton of things that he always does, as far as the Encampment goes, has everyone received the spring Banner. You should be receiving it in the mail if you haven't already. The cover of it has all of the forms that you need to make the reservations for the Encampment. It will be three choices for dinner: fish, chicken and steak. The tour reservations are on there, the tour's going to be $50 for the boat ride which includes the bus, a charter boat that we have just exclusive to our organization, to go out to George's Island, do a walking tour of Fort Warren and then have a picnic lunch afterwards, get back on the boat, back to Boston and then take the bus back here.

Later in the evening the tour of the GAR Hall includes a bus ride, a roast pork dinner and a tour of the Hall. And that is $15; you can't beat that. All of the information that you need is either on the National website or in the Banner. As Dexter said we need some help staffing the Encampment. We need people to sell T-shirts, point people in the right direction and keep you organized for the tours and that kind of thing. So, if you have some time, you don't have to commit to the entire Encampment, but if you have some time, a couple hours, just let us know.

Council Dexter Bishop: May 31st and June 1st we will be in the Lynn schools with Michael Crutcher, famous Frederick Douglas reenactor and then on Saturday we will be holding a teacher training program for the Lynn schools which will include Kevin Levin who is going to talk about Frederick Douglas after the war and what he was doing. Then we'll have Michael Crutcher

speaking to the teachers and then finally will have a few words about the GAR and what have you. Following that will be our History Bee and hopefully at the end of that either Lynn English or Lynn classical is the winner and at the bean supper, which is what I would like to invite you all to. We have a bean supper at the Hall and if you can do it on 2nd of June, come on down and enjoy some great beans. Rod is going to making the beans and Dick Parker, another Brother of ours from Camp 5 will be handling the hot dogs and the rest of the meal. It should be a great time and I think it's seven dollars, is that we usually charge?

Council Kevin Tucker: It is.

Council Dexter Bishop: Most everybody leaves a $10 bill which helps but that's the whole particular part of it. On 25 July we have been asked to actually do a program for the Chelsea Soldiers Home, which is their 137th anniversary or birthday, however you want to call it. We have done this for a few years but this year they gave us the whole program to do. I've already asked the Shades of Gray if they are available to help us and all of the other stuff that we do. That is just for that part of it right there.

We also have coming up and that's where we always try to keep alive the memory of the Civil War veterans but of all veterans, we are participating in, on September 16th which is a Sunday afternoon, in a Veterans Appreciation parade. It is done every other year in either Swampscott, Lynn or Saugus. We are back into Lynn this year; the parade is usually quite large, and we have the flags that were used to going to the state house back in 2015. We have been asked if we could take those flags and put them in the parade. We need individuals who can walk about a mile and a half carrying a flag. If you feel that you can do something to help us in that area, I would certainly like to hear from you and get you lined up to help carry one of the flags, reproduction flags that we made for going into the state house. That was very impressive when we marched through and ended up on the front page the Boston Globe. So, if you can let me know, because we need lots of help in a parade.

I would also like to ask every Camp to buy a table of eight, which would be $240, $30 apiece, for eight people, to come out on June 10th at 6 PM out to Grotonwood in Groton, Massachusetts. This is a fundraiser for Project New Hope. They are a veteran's organization out of Worcester. So, the Worcester Camp should be there in strong numbers, because I'm sure they know a lot about Project New Hope. They are a tremendous group. They do a lot of work with veterans who have PTSD and all of the associated issues that the veterans come back with. The reason that we hold it at the Camp is because we get the Camp to donate the whole thing. It is not costing anything, so all of the proceeds will be going to Project New Hope. Last year we did it and we raised $3000. So, I'd like to at least raise that amount and that means we have to sell a lot of tables. Ten tables would give us $2400. So, we would need fifteen tables. If you know anybody in a roundtable or any of the other Camps. By the way I've already got four commitments for tables, so I just need another eleven. Let's stand up and be counted and show that as a veteran's organization we are keeping alive the memory of the Civil War veterans, let's not forget the veterans of today. Let's show that we will stand with them as they struggle with many, many issues. I think that just about covers it, thank you.

Commander Daniel Murray: Anything else for the Good of the Order? Paul.

Brother Paul Grady: Paul Grady Camp Commander of Camp 25. I failed to mention earlier one of the most important things that our Camp did was that we acquired our original charter from the Worcester Historical Museum. We tried for several years to get this and we finally got it and we are in the process of restoration.

Something else for Good of the Order, we are sponsoring an event in Webster, Massachusetts. It is a dedication to the new library they are building. Past Camp Commander Maurice Healy who has been doing an enormous amount of work for us in the past year is organizing this. His father, who is also a Brother of the Camp found a bunch of portraits of the old GAR Hall members. I think he found them in an attic or basement somewhere, so the library has agreed to hang these portraits in their new building. I will be sending a notification to the Clarion Call to let everyone know when this is going to go on and we hope to have a good turnout. We are going to have some artillery there and members of the New England Brigade as well to try to make this an event. Thank you.

Commander Daniel Murray: Chip.

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: About 10 years ago I was a virgin to this organization. One of the first things I did was go to an Encampment that was being run by that guy right there. I have talked to a number of members of the Sons of Union Veterans over the past 10 years and they have said that the Boston Encampment was one of the best they had. I would love to have them keep talking like that about us. As I said ten years ago I was a virgin with this organization and one of the first things I did, how can I help? So, if you need some help just give me a call.

Commander Daniel Murray: Kevin.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker Past Department Commander, thank you Chip. We actually, for the last ten years have been the benchmark for other Encampments. They look at what happened in Peabody in 2008 and they try to replicate that. It is quite a compliment from National. There are two other things that I wanted to mention. Next Sunday in Charlestown, Massachusetts we do our annual Charlestown Civil War Memorial weekend. Is it 2 o'clock?

Council Dexter Bishop: No, it starts at 1 o'clock with the Providence Brigade band.

Commander Daniel Murray: They open the doors at 12:30.

Council Kevin Tucker: In Charlestown at the First Congregational church there will be the Providence Brigade band serenading everybody Civil War style, and as we do every year a short program and then we will go down to the training field. They call it a training field, it is a Revolutionary War training field. It is just a little bit down the hill from the Bunker Hill Monument and they will do a wreath laying and a ceremony. Charlestown is really a history-oriented place and we are trying to get a Camp going there. Anybody that has the opportunity including most of you that are in the SAR and have uniforms we would love to have participants. The second thing and the most important, the Sunday before Memorial Day, I think it is the 27th

this year, we will have our annual Memorial Day observance at Bourne at the Veterans Administration National Cemetery. We assemble at noon at the front gate, will march in and there are veterans' groups from across the state will march in, we will do a short ceremony. We have cannons and/or a flyover from the airbase next-door. It is quite the ceremony in any wreath laying. When we are finished with that there are seven unknown Civil War soldiers buried there that were transplanted from Virginia over the years. We do our own Sons of Union Veteran ceremony and the Superintendent of the cemetery has asked to be invited. Hopefully that will be a great ceremony. It is kind of the vacant chair ceremony that we have modified a little bit. Again, anybody who is able to in uniform show up at noon at the Veterans Administration National Cemetery. It is the only National Cemetery in New England. At Bourne Massachusetts we will be ready to march in and make a good showing for our GAR guys, so people don't forget they are veterans also.

Commander Daniel Murray: Rod.

Brother Rod Lundin: Rod Lundin Secretary Camp 50. Two years ago, we applied for a loan or a grant from the National on restoration of the Weymouth Soldiers and Civil War monument. We received $1000. With that thousand dollars they reset the granite steps for the memorial. May 12 we are participating with the Weymouth Historical Society and having a rededication of the Soldiers and Sailors Civil War monument. Camp 50 will be participating in that and if anyone would like to stop by on May 12th in Weymouth, you are invited. It is going to be between 9 AM and 11 AM. Thank you

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Chip.

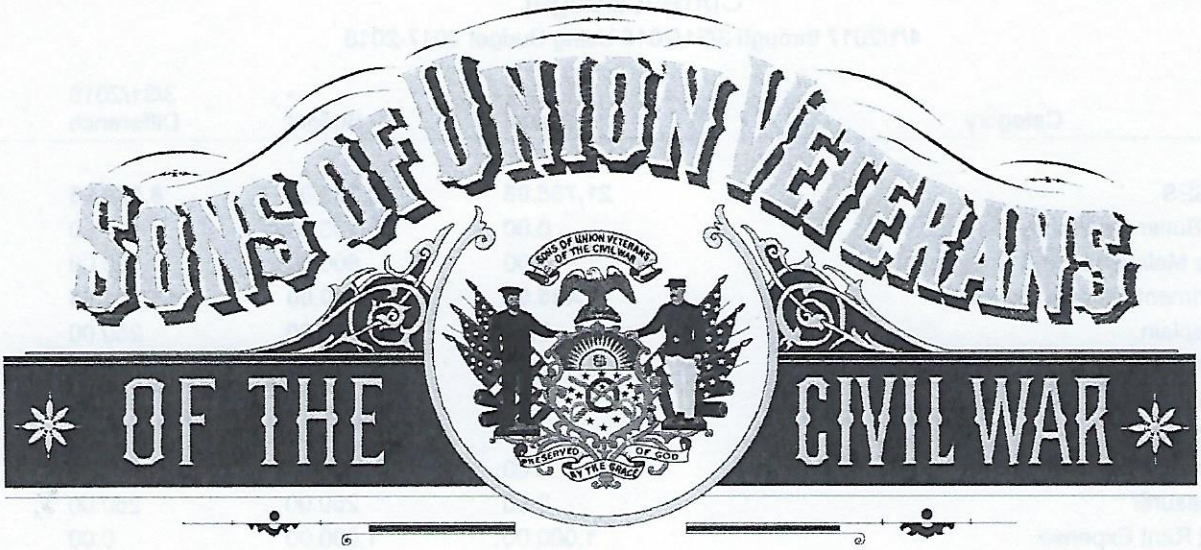
Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Stuart Chambers Camp 61. I hope I am not too late on this but seeing how we've closed the budget, is it too late to get a full-page ad for Ed?

Commander Daniel Murray: That has already been taken care of. Anything else for the Good of the Order? If there being no further business to come before this Encampment, we will proceed to close (three raps). You will give attention while the Chaplain asks the blessings of God on our deliberations.

Acting Chaplain Dexter Bishop: Our Father in Heaven, we pray you will deal with the events of this meeting as You deem proper and fitting. Please answer the heartfelt prayers of each one of us as permitted in Your perfect will. Preserve us in health, strength and integrity while we remain here, and when our mission on earth is ended take us to a better world. Amen.

Encampment: Amen.

Commander Daniel Murray: Brothers, we are about to leave this Encampment to retire to our respective homes. Let us regulate our conduct so as to bring honor and credit upon the great patriotic organization we represent. May we be faithful to our vows, mindful of our duties and exhibit toward each other an unbroken Fraternity, a tender Charity and an unswerving Loyalty. I now declare the 136th Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly closed



Department of Massachusetts

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018

Ed Norris, PDC - Department Treasurer

Account Balances - As of 3/31/2018

Account	3/31/2018 Balance
Bank Accounts	
Arnold W. Coppenhagen Fund	47,082.26
Charles F. Ellis Fund	17,289.48
Checking	12,075.77
George C. Marshall Fund	13,999.28
Loring Fund	22,530.92
Margaretha Myers Fund	14,089.13
Permanent Fund - 1361	29,035.14
Permanent Fund - 6664	9,311.05
Permanent Fund - 8241	31,787.11
Robert and Ethel Wood Fund	27,044.52
Savings	2,864.92
TOTAL Bank Accounts	**227,109.58**
Cash Accounts	
Wells Fargo Advisors	701,204.70
TOTAL Cash Accounts	**701,204.70**
OVERALL TOTAL	**928,314.28**

Current Budget

4/1/2017 through 3/31/2018 Using Budget 2017-2018

Category	4/1/2017 Actual	- Budget	3/31/2018 Difference
EXPENSES	**21,785.05**	**30,325.00**	**8,539.95**
Benj. Butler Ceremony	0.00	100.00	100.00
Colors Maintainance & Equipment	0.00	500.00	500.00
Department Officers Expenses	**1,495.55**	**3,250.00**	**1,754.45**
Chaplain	0.00	250.00	250.00
Commander	1,495.55	1,500.00	4.45
Junior Vice Commander	0.00	500.00	500.00
Secretary	0.00	250.00	250.00
Senior Vice Commander	0.00	500.00	500.00
Treasurer	0.00	250.00	250.00
Depot Rent Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Dept. Encampment Expense	2,087.12	2,000.00	-87.12
Dept. Officers Bond	247.00	300.00	53.00
Dept. Officers Meeting Expense	630.21	1,000.00	369.79
Good of the Order	**3,281.12**	**4,500.00**	**1,218.88**
Chelsea Soldiers Home	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Eagle Scout Awards	150.32	300.00	149.68
Other Good of the Order	590.87	500.00	-90.87
Recruitment	39.93	500.00	460.07
Research Geneology	0.00	200.00	200.00
Stone Placement and Cleaning	0.00	500.00	500.00
Grave Flag Holders	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
LIncoln Brunch	384.67	500.00	115.33
Miscellaneous Expense Fund	569.50	1,000.00	430.50
National Encampment Delegate Travel	2,540.17	2,700.00	159.83
National Encampment Expense	3,123.43	4,000.00	876.57
Podcast Expense	0.00	150.00	150.00
Remembrance Day Trip	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Secretary Office Expense	556.70	500.00	-56.70
Sponsored Event	150.00	1,000.00	850.00
Treasurer Office Expense	**2,610.13**	**2,900.00**	**289.87**
Annual CPA Expense	2,050.00	2,050.00	0.00
Office Supplies	60.13	350.00	289.87
Tax Form Prep.	500.00	500.00	0.00
Website Hosting	109.45	175.00	65.55
Wreaths Across America	0.00	250.00	250.00
Net Difference:	**-21,785.05**	**-30,325.00**	**8,539.95**

Transaction

4/1/2017 through 3/31/2018

Date	Num		Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 3/31/2017						**7,798.52**
4/4/2017	DEP		Wells Fargo Advisors	Monthly Dividend Inc...	[Wells Fargo Advisors]	2,376.04
4/4/2017	DEP		Clinton Savings Account	Income from CDs	Interest Inc	51.12
4/5/2017	DEP		Clinton Savings Account	Income from CDs	Interest Inc	0.19
4/13/2017	DBT	S	Holiday Inn Dedham	Hotel Room Fees	--Split--	-1,200.00
4/18/2017	DBT		Staples	Printer Ink	Secretary Office Expense	-58.99
4/19/2017	DBT		Holiday Inn Dedham	Hotel Room Fees	Dept. Encampment Expe...	-1,000.00
4/19/2017	DBT		Holiday Inn Dedham	Hotel Room Fees	Dept. Encampment Expe...	-58.94
4/19/2017	DEP		Clinton Savings Account	Income from CDs	Interest Inc	7.48
4/20/2017	DEP		Miscellaneous	Department Encamp...	Department Encampment...	672.00
4/20/2017	DEP		Bank Deposit Adjustm...	Our Accounting Error	Department Encampment...	38.00
4/21/2017	1699		Chuck Veit	Campfire Entertainment	Dept. Encampment Expe...	-150.00
4/21/2017	DBT		Staples	2016 Proceedings	Secretary Office Expense	-114.86
4/22/2017	1700		Shades Of Gray	Banquet Entertainment	Dept. Encampment Expe...	-150.00
4/25/2017	DBT		Holiday Inn Dedham	Hotel Room Fees	Dept. Encampment Expe...	-288.18
4/30/2017	1701		American Legion Post ...	Charlestown Collation	Sponsored Event	-150.00
5/1/2017	DBT		Postage - Kingston NH	To Accountant and N...	Secretary Office Expense	-23.59
5/2/2017	DEP		Wells Fargo Advisors	Monthly Dividend Inc...	[Wells Fargo Advisors]	1,525.66
5/3/2017	DEP		Clinton Savings Account	Income from CDs	Interest Inc	41.81
5/3/2017	DEP		Unknown		Other Inc	241.00
5/8/2017	DEP		Wood Fund	Interest from CD (3/3...	Interest Inc	71.86
5/9/2017	DEP		Clinton Savings Account	Income from CDs	Interest Inc	2.63
5/29/2017	1702		National Organization ...	Per Capitia Dues	Per Capitia Dues	-3,464.00
6/2/2017	DEP		Wells Fargo Advisors	Monthly Dividend Inc...	[Wells Fargo Advisors]	2,467.72
6/2/2017	DEP		Clinton Savings Account	Income from CDs	Interest Inc	48.49
6/5/2017	1703		Edward Norris	Recruitment Booklets...	Good of the Order:Recrui...	-39.93
6/5/2017	1704		Edward Norris	Quicken Starter Editio...	Treasurer Office Expense...	-42.49
6/5/2017	1705		National Organization ...	Camp 54 - Start of Ca...	Good of the Order:Other ...	-25.00
6/8/2017	DEP		Per Capitia From Camps	All Camps Except Ca...	Per Capitia Dues	3,477.00
6/8/2017	DEP		Peter Preble	Department Encamp...	Department Encampment...	50.00
6/8/2017	DEP		Per Capitia From Camps	Camp 15	Per Capitia Dues	23.00
6/10/2017	1706		Kevin Tucker	Blanket & Knapsack	Good of the Order:Other ...	-143.90
6/10/2017	1707	S	Daniel Murray	Bourne Cemetery	--Split--	-183.94
6/10/2017	1708		John Dupre	Secretary supplies	Secretary Office Expense	-76.46
6/11/2017	1709		Edward Knight	Eagle Scout Awards	Good of the Order:Eagle ...	-58.50
7/2/2017	1710		Coach Company	Deposit Charter 12159	Remembrance Day Trip	-350.00
7/2/2017	1711		Edward Norris	Dept. Officers Meal - ...	Dept. Officers Meeting Ex...	-205.10
7/2/2017	1712		National Organization ...	Camp 37 - Start of Ca...	Good of the Order:Other ...	-25.00
7/2/2017	1713		Timothy Callahan	Eagle Scout Awards	Good of the Order:Eagle ...	-68.80
7/3/2017	DEP		Service Credit Union	CD Interest	Interest Inc	36.07
7/3/2017	1714		Edward Norris	Stamps	Treasurer Office Expense...	-17.64
7/5/2017	DEP		Wells Fargo Advisors	Monthly Dividend Inc...	[Wells Fargo Advisors]	2,322.09
7/5/2017	DEP		Clinton Savings Account	Income from CDs	Interest Inc	49.48
7/8/2017	DEP		Clinton Savings Account	Income from CDs	Interest Inc	5.57
7/8/2017	1697		Unknown	Unknown	Misc.	-330.00
7/13/2017	1715		Dept. Of Michigan SUV...	Encampment Book Ad	Miscellaneous Expense F...	-40.00
7/15/2017	1716	S	Daniel Murray	Award and Postage	--Split--	-144.00
7/15/2017	1717		Janice Asamoa	Transciption Services	Secretary Office Expense	-265.20
8/1/2017	1718	S	Mark S. Mueller CPA	Audit and Tax Prep	--Split--	-2,550.00
8/2/2017	DEP		Clinton Savings Account	Income from CDs	Interest Inc	45.56
8/5/2017	DEP		Wells Fargo Advisors	Monthly Dividend Inc...	[Wells Fargo Advisors]	2,029.64

Transaction

4/1/2017 through 3/31/2018

Date	Num		Description	Memo	Category	Amount
8/8/2017	1719		Daniel Murray - Void	Gifts for CinC and NP	Miscellaneous Expense F...	0.00
8/18/2017	ATM		Cash			-160.00
8/19/2017	1720		Daniel Murray	Gifts for CinC and NP...	Miscellaneous Expense F...	-169.98
8/19/2017	1721		Void			0.00
8/19/2017	1722		Daniel Murray	Travel to National En...	Department Officers Exp...	-1,084.61
8/19/2017	1723		Albert Smith	Folders for ROTC Cer...	Good of the Order:Other ...	-70.57
8/21/2017	1724		Edward Norris	Travel to National En...	National Encampment De...	-450.00
8/23/2017	1725		Traina & Traina Ins. Ag...	Crime Policy Renewal	Dept. Officers Bond	-247.00
8/25/2017	DEP		Service Credit Union	CD Interest	Interest Inc	69.60
9/1/2017	DEP		Wells Fargo Advisors	Monthly Dividend Inc...	[Wells Fargo Advisors]	1,966.72
9/5/2017	DEP		Clinton Savings Account	Income from CDs	Interest Inc	51.12
9/8/2017	1726		Albert Smith	Travel to National En...	National Encampment De...	-310.76
9/8/2017	1727		Dexter Bishop	Travel to National En...	National Encampment De...	-438.65
9/8/2017	1728		Kevin Tucker	Travel to National En...	National Encampment De...	-661.32
9/9/2017	1729		Camp 22 SUVCW	Support of Chelsea S...	Good of the Order:Chels...	-500.00
9/20/2017	1730		Joey Voices	Deposit 2018 Encam...	National Encampment Ex...	-1,500.00
9/20/2017	1731		Edward Norris	Dept. Officers Meal - ...	Dept. Officers Meeting Ex...	-335.23
9/20/2017	1732		Stuart Chambers	Travel to National En...	National Encampment De...	-245.08
9/20/2017	1733		Dexter Bishop	Travel to National En...	National Encampment De...	-11.35
9/20/2017	1734		Albert Smith	Travel to National En...	National Encampment De...	-50.00
9/20/2017	1735		Charles Lewis	Travel to National En...	National Encampment De...	-373.01
9/27/2017	DEP		Lander Camp 5	Form 22 - New Memb...	Per Capitia Dues	56.00
9/27/2017	DEP		Service Credit Union	CD Interest	Interest Inc	35.37
10/1/2017	DEP		Wells Fargo Advisors	Monthly Dividend Inc...	[Wells Fargo Advisors]	2,345.22
10/4/2017	1736		Project New Hop	Annual Awards Dinner	Good of the Order:Other ...	-200.00
10/4/2017	DEP		Clinton Savings Account	Income from CDs	Interest Inc	49.48
10/23/2017	1737	S	Daniel Murray	Rememberance Day ...	--Split--	-2,964.00
10/23/2017	1738		Boston Harbor Cruises	Tour for 2018 Nationa...	National Encampment Ex...	-1,750.00
10/23/2017	1739		Edward Knight	Eagle Scout Awards	Good of the Order:Eagle ...	-23.02
10/23/2017	1740		Maj. Thomas B. Griffith...	Support of Chelsea S...	Good of the Order:Chels...	-1,500.00
11/2/2017	DEP		Clinton Savings Account	Income from CDs	Interest Inc	51.12
11/2/2017	DEP		Wells Fargo Advisors	Monthly Dividend Inc...	[Wells Fargo Advisors]	2,034.62
11/15/2017	1741		Daniel Murray	National Encampmen...	National Encampment Ex...	-162.23
11/21/2017	DBT		Flowers By Darlenesal...	Flowers for Dexter Bi...	Good of the Order	-55.00
12/4/2017	DEP		Clinton Savings Account	Income from CDs	Interest Inc	49.48
12/4/2017	DEP		Wells Fargo Advisors	Monthly Dividend Inc...	[Wells Fargo Advisors]	1,978.31
12/29/2017	DEP		Service Credit Union	CD Interest	Interest Inc	69.60
1/2/2018	DEP		Wells Fargo Advisors	Monthly Dividend Inc...	[Wells Fargo Advisors]	1,713.15
1/4/2018	DEP		Clinton Savings Account	Income from CDs	Interest Inc	51.12
2/1/2018	DEP		Wells Fargo Advisors	Monthly Dividend Inc...	[Wells Fargo Advisors]	2,691.01
2/2/2018	DEP		Clinton Savings Account	Income from CDs	Interest Inc	51.92
2/9/2018	DEP		Service Credit Union	CD Interest	Interest Inc	69.60
2/11/2018	DBT		Harrington's Food & S...	Lincoln Day Brunch	LIncoln Brunch	-709.67
2/23/2018	1742		Kevin Tucker	Lincoln Day Brunch O...	LIncoln Brunch	-100.00
2/24/2018	DBT		Postern Grille	Lunch Expense	National Encampment Ex...	-151.26
2/28/2018	DEP		Lincoln Day Brunch Pa...	17 Attendees	LIncoln Brunch	425.00
2/28/2018	DEP		Payment For ASUVCW	Contribution to Nation...	National Encampment Ex...	700.00
3/2/2018	DEP		Clinton Savings Account	Income from CDs	Interest Inc	46.91
3/2/2018	DEP		Wells Fargo Advisors	Monthly Dividend Inc...	[Wells Fargo Advisors]	2,012.22
3/10/2018	DBT		Joes American Pub	Department Officers ...	Miscellaneous Expense F...	-272.52
3/22/2018	1743		National History Bowl ...	Recruiting	Dept. Officers Meeting Ex...	-89.88
3/30/2018	DEP		Service Credit Union	CD Interest	Interest Inc	67.32

Transaction

4/1/2017 through 3/31/2018

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
3/30/2018	1744	John Manning	BigBlueHost Invoice ...	Website Hosting	-109.45
3/30/2018	1745	Hartsuff Memorial Ass...	Depot Rent, 1 year	Depot Rent Expense	-1,000.00
3/30/2018	1746	Maj. Thomas B. Griffith...	Support of Chelsea S...	Good of the Order:Chels...	-500.00
3/31/2018	DBT	Postern Grille	Lunch Expense	National Encampment Ex...	-259.94
3/31/2018	1747	Daniel Murray	Postage, Printing, Rib...	Department Encampment...	-211.00
4/1/2017 - 3/31/2018					**4,277.25**
BALANCE 3/31/2018					**12,075.77**

TOTAL INFLOWS	**32,167.30**
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	**-27,890.05**
NET TOTAL	**4,277.25**

REGISTRATION

136th Encampment Department of Massachusetts

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Name	Camp	DC	PDC	PCC	CC	Delegate	Alternate	Junior
Bishop, Dexter	22		X					
Brundige, Paul	50				X			
Chambers, Stuart	61				X			
Cultrera, Richard	5							
Dupré, John	25			X				
Fraser, Roderick	5							
Grady, Paul	25				X			
Hayes, Donald	61			X				
Knight, Edward	15				X			
Knight, Nathaniel	15							
Lewis, Charles	22					X		
London, Kenneth	104				X			
Lundin, Rod	50							
Maple, George	25		X					
Mellor, Perley PCinC	25		X					
Name	Camp	DC	PDC	PCC	CC	Delegate	Alternate	Junior

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Name	Camp	DC	PDC	PCC	CC	Delegate	Alternate	Junior
Murray, Daniel	104	X						
Naughton, William	104			X				
Norris, Edward	25		X					
Smith, Albert	5					X		
Tucker, Kevin	104		X					
Totals:	Camp	DC	PDC	PCC	CC	Delegate	Alternate	Junior
20	7/10	1	5	3	5	2		

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers

Form 49 – Rev. November 2011

(Send to National Headquarters at SUVCW National HQ, 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240 (Nat'l Civil War Museum Bldg.), Harrisburg PA 17103-2411, within 30 days of installation of Officers – Retain duplicate for Department Records)

From the Department of _____ EIN _____ to National Executive Director, National Headquarters.

At the Annual Encampment of this Department held at (location) _____

On the _____ day of _____, 20____ the following Officers for the ensuing year were duly elected, appointed, and installed:

OFFICERS INSTALLED

Name (First, Middle, Last)	Street/PO Box	City	State	Zip Code	Phone	E-Mail
Department Commander:						
Senior Vice Commander:						
Junior Vice Commander:						
Council Member 1:						
Council Member 2:						
Council Member 3:						
Secretary:						
Treasurer:						
Patriotic Instructor:						
Chaplain:						
Graves Registration Officer:						
Historian:						
Civil War Memorials Officer:						
Eagle Scout Coordinator:						
Counselor:						
GAR Highway Officer:						
Department Organizer:						

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Office:						
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CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES

The following, all in good standing in their respective Camps, were duly elected to represent this Department as DELEGATES to the next Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Attach additional sheet, if necessary.)

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

The following Past Department Commanders are in good standing and are entitled to attend the Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (*Do NOT include deceased.*)

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip

SIGNATURE OF INSTALLING OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Date:	Installing Officer:	Department Secretary:	Department Commander:	National Executive Director:
	Signature	Signature	Signature	Signature
Printed Name:				

Date received at National Headquarters: _____

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Printed Name:				

Date received at National Headquarters: _____

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In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty
David W. Demmy, Sr., Executive Director
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
National Headquarters at Reservoir Park
Harrisburg PA 17103

Date: 12/19/201 Report from the SUVCW National Data Base

Full: **Steiner,** John William
22 Eastbrook Rd
Lexington, MA 02421-7540

E-Mail: steinerjw@yahoo.com
Home (781) 862-0529
Alternate Phone:

Status: Member
Life Number:

Delete Description: **Death**
Date of Delete Reason: 8/13/2017 Reported by Camp

Department: Massachusetts
Camp: Charles H Bond Camp MA 104

PCinC Gene Mortorff
Asst Nat'l Exec Dir, SUVCW

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Date: 12/19/201 Report from the SUVCW National Data Base

Full: **Bond**, Charles D
101 North Rd
Jefferson, NH 03583

E-Mail: mrbond@isp.com
Home (603) 586-7711
Alternate Phone:

Status: Associate
Life Number:

Delete Description: **Death**
Date of Delete Reason: 11/5/2017 Reported by Camp

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Eagle Scout Coordinator 2018 Report

Since being appointed to this position 12 Eagle Scout Commendation packages have been awarded in the past year. Six were presented by a Brother in person. I anticipate awarding 5 more locally in the next year.

Respectfully submitted,

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Edward T. Knight
Eagle Scout Coordinator
Dept. Of Mass.
SUVCW

Junior Vice Commander
Department of Massachusetts
SUVCW
April 2018

Report to the Encampment

Concerned about retention as well as recruitment, Commander Murray directed me to contact members listed as "dropped" in the 2017 Camp Annual Reports to try to find reasons that members left the SUVCW. Our Secretary, Brother Dupre, furnished the reports and 7 letters were sent to members who had dropped. There were 3 replies: one from a member who had changed his email, never notified his Camp and so became out of touch and unaware that he had been dropped; he reinstated. Another, speaking for himself and another former member, declared they had found other ways to spend their time and added that he had expected more formality and solemnity in ceremonies, comparing them (unfavorably) to Masonic ceremonies which are rehearsed and recited from memory.

Buoyed by a "success rate" of 3 responses out of seven letters, an additional 5 letters were to members known to have dropped in previous years. There was but 1 response; a brother who had moved and not been a member for several years but was now retired, and wanted to rejoin. He was directed to a Camp near his new address.

Additionally 4 candidates whose applications were received by the Department were directed to Camps in their respective localities with their information being forwarded to the Camp Commander; 2 of these prospects needed some research to link them back to their Civil War ancestor; use of census data on Ancestry.com and Historical Data Systems "Civil War Database" satisfactorily resolved their lineage.

In conclusion, if you're keeping score- from items referred to the JVC: the year's results were the 2 recovered members and assistance provided to bring in 4 new members and match them to appropriate Camps.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Naughton
Junior Vice Commander

Graves Registration Officer
Department of Massachusetts
SUVCW
April 2018

Since the last Department Encampment Massachusetts Brothers have contributed mightily to the Son's national database of Civil War veteran's burial sites. A total of 687 graves of CW veterans (most associated with Massachusetts) were added to the database after having been researched and verified.

Special thanks is in order to Brothers Peter Preble, Rod Fraser, Richard Nichols, Chip Chambers and Dan Geary and a non-member, Robert Janes who supplied lists from various sources of veterans to be entered. Additionally, Camp 104 did a "graves registration" morning canvassing several cemeteries in North Reading for potential persons to be added to the database. Hopefully there were other activities in the Camps within the Department that I do not know about.

The largest project involved the CW soldiers, sailors and marines of the Civil War who are buried at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge. By using cemetery records and after checking their data against the names and information already in the Son's database, a total of 352 names were added to the database.

There were 91 grave markers distributed, and there are more available for Camps or members who have graves to mark. It appears that although many foundries continued to have markers which denote GAR membership, they have stopped manufacturing (or resellers have stopped marketing) the markers which denote a veteran of the CW. Obviously, not all CW veterans were GAR members so properly marking their graves is becoming an issue that will hopefully become resolved. At present, the inventory of markers is CW Veteran- 20 and GAR 91.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Naughton
Graves Registration Office

Department of Massachusetts
GAR Highway Officer Report

I was unable to do a complete check this year as I do it in the Spring and my schedule and decent weather never coincided. I saw 3 fewer signs on 6E, this may have been from the winter or I missed them as weather was not ideal.

There was no sign when entering into Massachusetts on 6E.

On 6 East, I was able to locate 12 GAR Memorial Highway markers, including the sign in Provincetown marking the Eastern end of the highway.

On 6 West, I was able to locate 11 GAR Memorial Highway markers, including the sign in Provincetown marking the Eastern beginning of the highway. The additional sign on 6 West is on the Sagamore Bridge.

Several of the signs are not easy to spot as they are behind poles or foliage. A few towns have markers for both directions on the same side or in the center of the highway, making it harder to spot them unless you are looking for them.

Two towns have markers memorializing the highway for other groups.

Fairhaven has signs indicating it is Fairhaven Firefighters Memorial Highway.

Barnstable has signs indicating it is the Korean War Veterans Highway.

These are both worthy groups and I do not believe we should fight to remove the signs that they have put up.

If reappointed, I will do a trip during the summer as well as checking in spring. I would like to check the seasonal rest areas for any GAR Highway information. If none, I would like to look into getting some pamphlets added to their displays.

Submitted April 21, 2018

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

George Maple, PDC

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

INCORPORTATED BY ACT OF 83RD CONGRESS

PUBLIC LAW 605 AUG. 20,1954

L.A. TIFFT CAMP #15

SPRINGFIELD, MA

2017-2018 Annual report

April 21,2018

The Camp attended or participated in the following events:

- 3 members attended the 2017 Dept Encampment
- The Camp held Memorial day services @ St Michael's Cemetery, Springfield MA
- Members Presented the colors at the Belchertown Little League on Memorial Day
- The Camp along with Scouts from Trp 57 sent the Color Guard to the Everett MA Home Coming parade
- Camp Members attended Veteran's Day services in both Belchertown and Ware

The Camp has spent extensive time and provided training to BSA Trp 57's Honor/Color Guard. This unit is filling the gap in Belchertown as the members of both VFW Post 8428 and American Legion Post 239 are aging and unable to provide Color Guards to fill those needs within the town.

Through the year, the Camp Commander provided Taps at as many funerals for veterans as he could fit into his schedule including the services of 2 members of Camp 15.

Over the winter Camp 15 suffered the loss of 2 more active members, both of whom had passed. These members are not being replaced by new members as recruiting is unable to find new members willing to make a commitment to be active within the group. Without a major influx of new members, it is feared that camp 15 will cease to exist within a few years.

Respectfully Submitted

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Edward T Knight
Camp Commander

Department Order No 1, Series 2017-2018

Section 1: It is with sincere appreciation I thank the Brothers at the 135th Annual Department Encampment for the support and confidence shown to me by electing me to the Office of Department Commander. I, along with my officers, will strive to bring honor to the memory of our Union ancestors through the good works of our Order during the coming year.

Section 2: Department Brothers who were duly elected and installed by Commander-in-Chief Donald Martin at the 135th Annual Department Encampment on April 22, 2017 are as follows:
 Commander – Daniel W. Murray, PDC
 Sr. Vice-Commander – Stuart Chambers, PCC
 Jr. Vice-Commander – William B. Naughton PCC
 Secretary – John Dupre, PCC
 Treasurer – Edward J. Norris, PDC
 Council 1 – Kevin P. Tucker, PDC
 Council 2 – George E. Maple Jr., PDC
 Council 3 – Dexter A. Bishop, PDC

Section 3: Department Brothers who were appointed and installed as follows:
 Chaplain – Fr. Peter Preble
 Patriotic Instructor – Kenneth London
 Counselor – Kevin P. Tucker, PDC
 Historian – Fr. Peter Preble
 Guide – Charles W. Lewis, PCC
 Guard –
 Signals Officer – John T. Manning, PCC
 Color Bearer – Richard Cultrera
 Graves Registration Officer – William B. Naughton PCC
 Civil War Memorials Officer – Edward J. Norris, PDC
 GAR Highway Officer – George E. Maple Jr., PDC
 Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator – Edward Knight, PCC
 ROTC Awards Officer – Albert Smith
 Department Organizer – Edward J. Norris, PDC

Section 4: My congratulations go out to Sister Mary Catherine Knight, PDP on her election to the office of Department President. I look forward to working with her in the coming year.

Ordered this 30th Day of April 2017,

Daniel W Murray, PDC
Commander

Attest:

John Dupre, PCC
Secretary

Department Order No 2, Series 2017-2018

Section 1. At the November 2016 National Council of Administration meeting the National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter Busch PDC, challenged each Camp to record monuments on Form 61.

Section 2. I would encourage each of the Camps in Massachusetts to accept this challenge and record at least two monuments before the next Department Encampment.

Section 3. Brother Edward Norris, PDC was recently appointed as the Department Civil War Memorials Officer. If you should need any assistance recording the information on the Form 61. Brother Norris has stated that he is more than willing to assist with the recording process.

Section 4. The following Civil War Memorials in Massachusetts have already been recorded on Form 61:

- Acton tablets
- Ayer Camp Steven marker
- Belchertown
- Billerica
- Boston Gen. Devens
- Boston Soldiers and Sailors
- Boston Gen. Hooker
- Bourne National Cemetery
- Braintree

- Brighton
- Cambridge GAR
- Cambridge Sphinx
- Charlestown
- Chelsea
- Clinton monument
- Clinton cannon in GAR lot
- Dorchester meeting house
- Dorchester Everett
- Dunstable
- East Gloucester
- Harvard
- Hudson roll of honor plaque
- Jamaica Plain
- Lawrence Belleview Cemetery
- Lawrence City Hall
- Lawrence Needham Post
- Lawrence St Mary's Cemetery
- Lowell
- Lowell
- Lowell Victory
- Malden Foresetdale Cemetery
- Melrose
- Methuen
- Norwell Village
- Rockland GAR plaque
- Rockland GAR hall
- Saugus
- Sterling
- Shirley
- Somerville 39th
- South Boston
- Wakefield
- Watertown
- West Bolyston Cemetery
- Weymouth
- Woburn
- Worcester

5. Please forward the Forms 61s to Brother Ed Norris, PDC at norris.ed@comcast.net.

Ordered this 5th day of May 2017

Daniel W. Murray, PDC
Commander

Attest:

John Dupre, PCC
Secretary

Department Order No 3
Series 2017-2018

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: General Frederick Lander Camp 5 is suspended for failure to file their required Form 27 Annual Report and pay per capita dues to the Department.

Section 2: In accordance with the National Constitution & Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 8 and the Department Bylaws, Article XVI, Section 9 General Frederick Lander Camp 5 is hereby suspended, effective immediately.

Section 4: The Camp may have its suspension lifted if all of its required forms and reports are filed with the Department and all of its indebtedness due the Department is paid.

Ordered this 24th day of May, 2017

Daniel W. Murray, Commander
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest

John Dupre, Secretary
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department Order No. 4
Series 2017 - 2018

1. Brothers are reminded of Constitution and Regulation Chapter V, Art. V, Section 1. "Officers, Members, Associates, Juniors, Junior Associates and Honorary Members of the Order, while in Camp, Department or National Encampment, on parade or while performing other duties of the Order (other than while performing tasks involving manual labor), shall be identified by the wearing of a Badge of the Order upon the left breast." An embroidered badge is not a badge. This also applies to any Brother attending Department Officers Meetings.

2. Section 1 also states "Brothers should take care to ensure their dress is appropriate to the occasion, such as business attire." This particularly applies to officers at their stations and those seated adjacent to and in front of the Altar during business meetings of Department Encampments. This means jacket, tie, long pants and badge of the Order. The Guide, Color Bearer, and Guard may wear uniforms.

3. Brothers should also familiarize themselves with Section V which defines the order of precedence for how the badges are to be worn.

Ordered this 1st Day of June 2018

Daniel W Murray, Commander

Attest

John Dupre, Secretary